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Dozens of TV channels in broadcast revolution

By Richard Evans
Media Editor

The long-awaited Broadcasting White Paper was hailed by the Government last night as a charter for increased choice for viewers and listeners and condemned by opponents as a recipe for less diversity and lower standards.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, told MPs his "enabling framework" could help usher in several dozen television channels and hundreds of new radio services.

He told the Commons: "We aim to ensure that viewers and listeners have greater freedom of choice from a more varied output of programmes, including programmes of high quality. British television has a deservedly high reputation in the world. We expect to see that reputation grow with the new opportunties which are now in sight."

The multi-channel vision of Britain in the 1990s, outlined in a White Paper whose publication has been delayed for 11 months, was immediately attacked by Mr Roy Hattersley, Shadow Home Secretary, who said it reflected commercial rather than broadcasting values. "It pretends to offer choice, in fact many of the new channels will do no more than to offer vast profits to the tycoons of international television", Mr Hattersley said.

"It is a giant retreat from the concept of public service broadcasting. Its result will be less diversity and lower standards."

Mr Hurd's Commons statement contained few surprises because all the major recommendations had been widely leaked . But the White Paper will mean an enormous shake-up in the existing broadcasting landscape — particularly in the commercial sector.

Mr Hurd insisted the ownership of commercial television and radio should be widely spread and revealed detailed proposals to ensure that control of television and radio services was not concentrated in the hands of a few groups or individuals.

But Mr Hattersley mocked the ownership restrictions and predicted there would be no regulation "to which Mr Rupert Murdoch takes exception".

With Government critics having warned that more television would mean worse television, Mr Hurd said there would be safeguards to protect viewers and listeners from "shoddy wares and exploitation". He added: "Subject to these, they should be able to exercise greater choice over what they hear and see. While some important positive programming obligations are retained, we envisage a substantial liberalization, particularly of the ITV system, and greater reliance on the viewer, rather than the regulator, to sustain range and quality."

The fifth channel will cover between 65 and 70 per cent of the country, with different companies providing programming at different times of the day. Commercial television services would be free to decide their own mix between advertising and subscription funding and would have greater freedom to raise money through sponsorship.

Channels 3, 4 and 5 will be expected to show high quality news and current affairs programmes dealing with national and international matters and to show the news in main viewing periods.

Although the BBC is left largely unscathed by the White Paper proposals, Mr Hurd said the Government looked forward to the "gradual introduction of subscription on the BBC's television services and to the eventual replacement of the licence fee".

But with the present BBC charter not running out until 1996 he told MPs the licence fee would continue "at least for some time to come".

The only disappointment for the BBC will be the Government's decision to allocate night hours from one of its television channels to the ITC, which will offer it to outside broadcasters.

Programme transmission, now done by the BBC and the IBA, will be separated from programme services and moved progressively into the private sector.

The two unallocated direct broadcasting by satellite (DBS) channels — three have already been awarded to British Satelite Broadcasting — will be advertised early next year so that five high quality direct to home channels will be available soon.

After his Commons statement, Mr Hurd emphasized that detailed regulation of television was now outdated and it was time the viewers were set free.

"It will be a great deal more viewers' choice rather than the detailed requirements of the regulators that call the tune. This is a radical White Paper" he said.

Although the White Paper contained some "green edges" and ministers would continue to listen to criticisms and suggestions the document contained the "main pillars" of the Broadcasting Bill.

The newly formed ITC will carry out regular performance reviews of Channel 3 companies and be empowered to issue a formal warning — a yellow card — and to remove a licensee — a red card — 12 months later if the station's performance remains unsatisfactory. Ministers are also considering severe financial penalties.

The ITV companies, worst hit by Mr Hurd's plans, last night warned that the Government blueprint could spell the end of quality programming on their channels and reduce viewer choice.

Mr Greg Dyke, LWT's director of programmes, said: "It is very difficult to see how ITV will be able to make the breadth of programmes it has made in the past."

He questioned whether there was enough money in British broadcasting to support all the Government's plans for extra stations. "If there's not, the real threat to traditional ITV is not that it will only lose minority programming, but that it won't be able to afford to make majority programming. That is a very real danger." Mr Richard Dunn, managing director of Thames Television and chairman of the ITV Association, reinforced the point by comparing British broadcasting with the US.

In Britain 20 million homes were being called upon to support the development of up to 40 channels by 1992. "That is the kind of number of television channels that the US just about supports with some difficulty with a television base of 90 million homes. The big question is, is there enough money to finance all these services?"

Mr Michael Checkland, director general of the BBC, said subscription television was in its infancy and the corporation would be watching its development very closely.

He said: "In this context the proposal to franchise the night hours on one BBC channel is surprising." The BBC was best placed to maximize the use of its night-time hours.

British Satellite Broadcasting, which launches three direct-to-home channels next autumn, welcomed the liberalization and competition in the White Paper.

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MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS

- A fifth "terrestrial" TV channel starting in 1993, followed by a sixth if technically feasible.
- The present ITV system to be replaced by a regionally based Channel 3, obliged to include quality news and current affairs programmes. Companies will be freed from detailed programme scheduling by regulators.
- The Independent Broadcasting Authority and Cable Authority replaced by Independent Television Commission offering a "lighter touch" regulation on all TV services.
- Franchises for Channel 3 and Channel 5, which will run for 10 years, will go to the highest bidder provided applicants meet satisfactory programme requirements.
- A new night-time franchise on commercial television.
- ITC to have tough powers to ensure that winning bidders meet standards.
- Small television stations for towns and cities using the latest microwave technology.

Lawson row forces pension top-up pledge

Scheme unveiled to defuse controversy

By Robin Oakley and Philip Webster

Mr Nigel Lawson was forced yesterday publicly to commit the Government to a new scheme to help more than a million of Britain's poorest pensioners with an additional benefit to top up their existing state benefits.

The premature disclosure of a plan not yet costed or worked out in detail was the price of defusing the political controversy after the Chancellor of the Exchequer's briefing to Sunday newspaper journalists.

That produced reports suggesting he was planning means-testing benefits for pensioners.

The new scheme, aimed at helping the poor and elderly pensioners, was discussed by Mr John Major, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, and Mr John Moore, Secretary of State for Social Security, during the recent public expenditure round which preceded last week's autumn statement. The Prime Minister is also understood to have been involved in the talks.

It was agreed to in principle. Officials in the Treasury and the department are already working on the complex details.

Among the beneficiaries will be those elderly pensioners who retired before the state earnings related pension scheme (Serps) came into operation.

But there had been no intention of revealing the existence of the scheme until the furore which greeted suggestions that the Chancellor planned to deny millions of pensioners the right to universal benefits.

The Chancellor's public admission that the scheme, whatever it finally turns out to be, will be funded out of additional resources delighted Conservative MPs, and particularly social security ministers.

The Government claimed that it was that scheme to which Mr Lawson was referring when he hinted to journalists during Friday's briefing that benefits should be targeted on the poor, a strategy which can only be done by means-testing.

What he failed to point out to them, but was obliged to spell out yesterday, was that there would be extra resources to pay for the new benefit and that it would not be funded by cuts in existing benefits. Mr Lawson disclosed the plan to help poorer pensioners when he was forced to the Commons Dispatch Box yesterday by an emergency question tabled by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader.

Mr Lawson denied that he had any intention to introduce further means tested benefits except in one respect: he had been in discussions with Mr Moore on a scheme to help poorer pensioners. "This would be over and above the existing level of benefits," he said.

Conservative MPs seemed last night to have been reassured by Mr Lawson's explanation, but there was puzzlement over why the operation had not been mounted earlier. The Treasury accepted that it had underestimated the extent of the political fallout.

Throughout yesterday Mr Lawson blamed his difficulties on the press whose reports he described as "the most inaccurate, half-baked and irresponsible I have seen in nearly 10 years as a minister."

But when Sunday newspaper journalists challenged him to justify his claims by producing a transcript of the interview a further Treasury embarrassment was revealed.

The tape recorder used by an official to monitor the meeting had failed to work properly.

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The day the tape failed at No 11

By Howard Foster

It was 10.15 on Friday morning and 10 senior political journalists trooped into a large meeting room on the ground floor of No.11 — the Downing Street residence of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

They sat in a semi-circle around the Chancellor, who was accompanied by Mr John Gieve, his Treasury information chief.

The journalists were not expecting very much in the way of story — just an off-the-record chat with Mr Nigel Lawson about his Autumn Statement.

Not all of them even bothered to take notes, but the official tape recorder was running anyway, as is the practice at ministerial briefings.

Most of the half-hour session was taken by lobby correspondents' questions and it was towards the end that one of the lobby men, Mr Jack Warden, asked the question which resulted in the front page headlines on Sunday suggesting that some pensioners' benefits were under threat and that means testing was possible.

These resulted in denials and had Mr Lawson calling the reports "inaccurate, half-baked, and irresponsible".

Last night the lobby men challenged the Treasury to make the tape recording public, but officials were saying that " a fault in the tape machinery" meant that there could be no transcript of the meeting.

Mr Robert Harris, political editor of *The Observer*, challenged the Treasury to publicize what had been said at the meeting. "It is unfair of the Chancellor to blame distorted reporting", Mr Harris said. "Ten people got exactly the same impression from the briefing.

"It is not just the remarks that were made but what came before and after them. The best way of clearing up this confusion would have been for the Treasury to have released a transcript."

Press reports based on the briefing suggested that benefits such as free prescriptions and the £10 Christmas bonus could be under threat. There was political condemnation, too, from both sides of the Commons of Mr Lawson's apparent desire, according to Sunday newspaper reports, to consider means testing for pensioners.

The briefing is convened annually for the Chancellor to

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France welcomes a Princess in style

Wooing the French: The Princess of Wales wears the classic lines of Chanel on her arrival.

Prince set to bolster Paris ties

From Philip Jacobson
Paris

The Prince of Wales last night began his most intensive working trip barely an hour after arriving in Paris with the Princess of Wales.

The first item on his programme was a call on President Mitterrand at the Elysée Palace for a private audience, a meeting intended to set the tone for what amounts to a formal state visit of great diplomatic significance.

Last night, the royal couple were M Mitterrand's guests at a glittering banquet in the Elysée during which Prince Charles was to make his first formal speech on Anglo-French relations.

Written partly by himself and delivered in fluent French, it had been presented in advance by government sources on both sides of the Channel as an important contribution to bilateral relations.

The tone of the five-day visit was set at Orly airport, where the royal couple were greeted by the French Prime Minister, M Michel Rocard.

The usual frenzied clatter of camera shutters greeted the Princess's appearance in a bright red outfit in wool with gold buttons, worn over a white silk blouse and topped

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US candidates in last dash to win

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The 1988 United States presidential election campaign reached a frantic climax yesterday, with Vice-President George Bush and Governor Michael Dukakis both crisscrossing the country in 11th-hour attempts to sway undecided voters.

With each man claiming that momentum was on his side, and warning of the dangers of the other's victory, the contest moved from the Rocky Mountains to the West Coast and then back to the vote-rich industrial Midwest.

Mr Bush, after campaigning fiercely in Michigan, Ohio and Missouri, was due in Texas last evening to vote in Houston, his adopted home town.

Mr Dukakis began an exhausting day with rallies before dawn in Ohio, and campaign appearances in Missouri, San Francisco and Los Angeles and then back to Iowa. Weary aides said he would probably not sleep last night, catching only brief rest on his aircraft.

Senator Lloyd Bentsen, Mr Dukakis's running-mate, campaigned in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Missouri, and Senator Dan Quayle, the Republican vice-presidential candidate, made appearances in Maryland, Virginia, and in his home state of Indiana.

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The latest polls all put Mr Bush comfortably in the lead. One, by USA Today/CNN, gave him a margin of from five to 12 points.

Exhaustive surveys by *The Washington Post* and other papers also found Mr Bush holding a commanding lead in the Electoral College.

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Bald smuggler who dreamed of ruling islands

From Edward Gorman
Male, the Maldives

The cargo ship in which the mercenaries tried to flee from the Maldives capsized and sank yesterday while under tow, an Indian official said in Delhi. Nobody was on board. The Press Trust of India reported that a second ship, carrying about 100 mercenaries and possibly hostages, had been spotted from the air, sailing towards India.

The man thought to have organized the abortive but bloody coup attempt which shook this tiny island capital last Thursday is a former tropical fish exporter and poultry farmer with a history of smuggling and involvement in two previous coup attempts.

While investigations continue into the plot amid tight secrecy, there is little doubt here that Mr Abdulla Luthfee — a Maldivian in his early forties who wears a hairpiece to cover his baldness — planned the coup and the assault on the National Security Service headquarters which prompted Indian intervention.

Mr Luthfee was seen by several witnesses — sightings confirmed by President Gayoom — walking in the streets with the gunmen on Thursday after the initial fighting. He is said to have installed himself in the President's office declaring himself the new ruler of the islands.

Last night, however, together with 44 mercenaries hired in Sri Lanka, and his alleged accomplice, Mr Sagar Nasir, a ship's engineer, Mr Luthfee was being brought back to the Maldives by the Indian Navy which intercepted a freighter on which he was attempting — with 20 hostages — to reach Sri Lanka. When commandos boarded the vessel early on Sunday they found four of the hostages had been killed and 15 had suffered bullet wounds.

A former business associate of Mr Luthfee who spoke on condition of anonymity, believed the coup attempt — concerted but poorly planned — had all the hallmarks of what he described as a "typical hot-headed Luthfee scheme".

"He was a stylish kind of chap. He would always know which was the best sports car and the best gun and he kept a fairly rich lifestyle. He had a daring which he learned in the smuggling business which made him quite capable of doing this with no backing."

Soon after leaving school, Mr Luthfee, he said, went into the lucrative smuggling business which has occupied him on and off ever since. His primary market has been Sri Lanka, where he has built up strong links with the Tamil community based on the illegal export of consumer goods, gems and textiles.

The first expression of his political ambition, came in 1968 during former President Ibrahim Nasir's time, when he was arrested trying to smuggle a pistol into the islands. Investigations

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Howe hopeful on Anglo-Irish talks

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, visited Dublin yesterday to hold talks with Mr Brian Lenihan, the Irish deputy prime minister, about Anglo-Irish relations. They said the two governments had reached agreement about exploration rights in the seas around Ireland.

Sir Geoffrey said later that he believed Anglo-Irish relations are in "good shape". He confirmed that the British and Irish attorney generals are to discuss the possibility of making greater use of Irish legislation allowing IRA suspects in the Republic to be tried there instead of being extradited. However, the Foreign Secretary said there could be no substitute for effective extradition arrangements. He made clear that extra-territorial legislation could be only an "additional" weapon in the fight against terrorism.

Mr Lenihan placed much greater emphasis on the importance of trying IRA suspects in the Republic. He also urged the British Government to do away with one-judge Diplock courts in Northern Ireland.

Cocaine plot charges

Rene Black, aged 34, was charged yesterday with possessing cocaine with intent to unlawfully supply it. Mr Black, a company director, of Furzen Lane, near Cranleigh, Surrey, was remanded in custody for a week by Guildford magistrates. Ronald Fisher, aged 51, had earlier appeared before a special court at Guildford charged with conspiring to produce cocaine. Fisher, of Holmbury St Mary, near Dorking, was remanded in custody until Thursday. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of another man.

MPs' plea to Navy

The Ministry of Defence has been asked to supply MPs with precise details of the movements of all frigates and destroyers in the Royal Navy's surface fleet for a year. The information has been demanded by the all-party defence select committee after the ministry rejected the findings of a report it published in June in which it seriously questioned the Government's commitment to maintaining a surface fleet of 50 vessels. The MPs say the ministry failed to answer the points they made.

Test for Green Belt

Nearly 1,000 acres of Green Belt around Chester will be freed for development if a public inquiry starting today approves the local authority's draft plan. The Council for the Protection of Rural England says the inquiry will test whether Green Belt principles are recognized nationally. Chester council says its proposals should be seen in the context of a Green Belt extending to 41,500 acres. Of the land under review, 300 acres were already occupied by a hospital, an army camp and an industrial park.

Window traps driver

Police were last night investigating the death of a man found with his neck trapped in the electric window of his car. The body of Mr Richard Nixon, aged 20, was discovered with his head wedged between the driver's side window and the roof of his F registration Seat Ibiza outside his home at Holmesdale, Derbyshire. The result of tests by police to see if the window stopped when an object was placed between it and the car roof is being awaited. Seat UK, which imports the cars from Spain, ruled out a recall.

Heart drug launched

A drug that can dissolve blood clots in heart attack victims was launched in Britain yesterday. Actilyse is a genetically engineered form of a natural human protein. Trials have shown that the drug dissolves clots in up to three-quarters of patients if it is given within six hours of a heart attack. The drug is injected intravenously over a period of three hours. It was developed by Boehringer-Ingleheim in West Germany and is already available on the Continent, in North America and Australasia.

QCs free to act without juniors in some cases

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Solicitors are free from this week to instruct silks to take certain criminal cases alone without a junior barrister in attendance, under changes agreed by the Lord Chancellor's Efficiency Commission.

The commission, a joint body between the Bar, the Law Society and the Lord Chancellor's officials, has agreed the change because of concern that silks and juniors were appearing together in too many cases.

But talks over another measure aimed at greater efficiency in the courts — to allow counsel to appear alone in certain crown court cases without a solicitor or solicitor's clerk in attendance — have run into difficulities. The Law Society would not comment yesterday on discussions now taking place within the commission on allowing counsel to appear without a solicitor.

However some solicitors are believed to be worried that barristers will not have time to undertake the pastoral role solicitors undertake for clients up before the crown court.

This week's change, which will in many cases end the need to have two barristers, will apply to pleas of guilty where a silk is needed and the plea is certain in advance of the hearing.

It will also apply in appeals to the Court of Appeal criminal division in cases which can properly be undertaken by a silk alone, as well as simple cases which are sensitive for political, local or other reasons. The Bar amended its rules to allow the change more than a year ago and Mr Niall Morison, secretary of the Bar Council, said yesterday the Bar was keen to proceed.

Guidelines had already been drawn up which would be issued to barristers when the matter had been agreed.

These identified three kinds of case: guilty pleas, committals for sentence, and appeals against sentence where counsel might act alone.

There might be other cases that counsel and the solicitor agreed were appropriate, he added.

● Court clerks who staff the magistrates' courts have been backed in their claim for a significant pay rise by the Central Council of Magistrates' Courts' Committees. The council has unanimously agreed a resolution strongly backing the court clerks who have now been forced to go to Acas, the arbitration service, in the pursuit of their claim for parity with the Crown Prosecution Service.

The resolution says that the council, is "greatly concerned at the increasing difficulties in recruiting qualified staff, particularly at the losses to the Crown Prosecution Service, and the consequent adverse effect on the efficiency of the courts".

It therefore "demands that salary scales for court staff be reviewed immediately with a view to to establishing parity of pay at the appropriate levels of the Crown Prosecution Service".

Yesterday Mr Colin Clegg, general secretary of the Association of Magisterial Officers, which represents the clerks, said it was "absolutely splendid to see the employers now support us".

As the council appointed half of the management side on the joint negotiating committee which handled the clerks' pay claim, the move "cut the ground" from underneath the magistrate-representatives.

"Effectively those magistrates on the employers' side have lost their mandate; they have been told they are going the wrong way by the council."

The court clerks, who are facing acute shortages and recruitment problems which have caused and are causing courtroom closures, are seeking a rise on their total fee bill of at least 8 per cent. They have been offered 5 per cent.

Lords set on rebellion over eye test charges

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

The House of Lords is set to embarrass the Government today by trying to insist that pensioners should be exempt from the proposed £10 eye test charge.

The last-minute amendment tabled last night has worried ministers who had been confident of seeing off today's revolt in the Upper House on the eye test charges.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, was still refusing to yield to pressure yesterday. He has said he is prepared to see the Health and Medicines Bill killed off for this session rather than offer a compromise.

Conservative rebels are standing firm behind their amendment to throw out the charges altogether in the face of warnings from ministers of provoking a constitutional conflict between the two Houses.

But they recognize the whipping-in of an estimated 100 backwoodsmen to support the Government today, not seen in the upper House since May's poll tax revolt, looks likely to defeat their attempt to remove the charges from the Health and Medicines Bill.

However support is rallying behind the fall-back amendment tabled by Lord Ennals, the former Labour Secretary for Social Services, last night to exempt six million pensioners from the charges at a cost to the Treasury of £26 million. His move infuriated the Government's business managers who protested that the Labour peer is "pulling a fast one" by putting down an amendment so late.

Lord Ennals said: "If we fail on the broad issue of eye tests we have a fall back position which is to exonerate pensioners."

Lord Cullen of Ashbourne, the Tory peer leading the rebellion against the charges, met ministers yesterday. He said: "So far they have been quite obdurate and I have heard nothing to think they have changed their minds. We shall stand firm."

He refused to speculate on the number of peers willing to follow him.

Lord Belstead, leader of the Lords, will go to the dispatch box this afternoon to warn peers of the constitutional implications of insisting on rejecting a proposal which carries a "major price tag".

He is expected to argue it is only "technical reasons" which allows the Lords to vote again on the eye test charge.

If the House of Lords rejects the charge a second time it will return to the Commons. If no compromise is reached, and the Government refuses to back down, the whole Health and Medicines Bill will be lost.

That would be unprecedented during Mrs Margaret Thatcher's administrations.

Veteran GCHQ worker stands firm

Mr Mike Grindley, a GCHQ worker with 27 years' service who is to be dismissed because of his union membership, is congratulated for his stand by Mr Neil Kinnock at a rally in Westminster yesterday (Photograph: James Morgan).

Nurses' pay review protest spreads

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

Disruptive action over the nurses grading review continued yesterday throughout Britain as nurses at a second hospital in Manchester began an indefinite strike.

Emergency cover was provided at Prestwich Psychiatric Hospital where 250 nurses belonging to the National Union of Public Employees had voted for indefinite action while staff at North Manchester general hospital's psychiatric unit continued their indefinite strike. Today, managers at the Birmingham Children's Hospital, will announce the outcome of its review into 37 nurses' grades in the intensive therapy unit.

The staff will be encouraged by a decision at Birmingham's Maternity Hospital to regrade several posts. Mr David Edwards, district general manager at Central Birmingham health authority, confirmed that all 18 sisters now in post in the neonatal intensive therapy unit at the hospital would be put on grade G with their pay backdated to last April. Meanwhile hospital managers had to cope with a series of stoppages and 24-hour strikes in different parts of Britain yesterday, although local union officials said emergency cover was provided.

More than 150 nurses belonging to the Confederation of Health Service Employees at Hackney and Homerton Hospitals, east London, took 24-hour action while staff at the Middlesex Hospital, central London, stopped work for two hours.

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Church of England Synod

Women bishops outlawed

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

The Church of England will not recognize the consecration of an Anglican woman bishop, nor will it recognize any priests she may subsequently ordain.

That was the ruling given by Dr Robert Runcie, the Archbishop of Canterbury, to the General Synod yesterday. He devoted his presidential address to the issue, saying it had been raised by the election of the Rev Barbara Harris to be a new bishop in the Episcopalian diocese of Massachusetts.

Dr Runcie's statement, based on legal advice, means he will not personally be able to treat Miss Harris, if and when she is consecrated, as a bishop in the Anglican Communion. That is likely to be extremely unwelcome news to the Episcopal Church in the United States.

He softened his words by saying that to state the official position of the Church of England in terms of formal ecclesiastical law was not "to make a final judgement on the theology of women priests or bishops; still less is it to deny the spiritual fruitfulness of the ministry of a woman bishop or priest".

Dr Runcie's statement did remove one difficulty that might have arisen with the consecration of a woman bishop. The Church of England normally requires that admission to holy communion should be restricted to those who have received confirmation from a recognized bishop. That could have meant American visitors to England being treated as ineligible for holy communion.

But canon law also allowed communion to those who were "ready and desirous to be confirmed" even if they have not been. "It surely cannot be in doubt that those who have been confirmed by a woman bishop are in such a state", the statement said.

Dr Runcie said the question of whether the Church of England would be in or out of communion with the American church, after the consecration of a woman bishop, had to be determined as a point of law when the time came. It was "not simply a private theological judgement". He did not indicate what his ruling would be.

He explicitly rejected the argument, which he said had been put to him, that a male priest ordained by a woman bishop could be licensed as a priest in England.

He did not believe that this justified saying that the Church of England was "out of communion" with a church with a woman bishop. There would instead be "restricted" communion.

He said his statement of the official Anglican position would be considered by the commission he had set up under Archbishop Robin Eames of Armagh.

Jaguar workers on strike

By Craig Seton

Production of Jaguar cars was disrupted yesterday by a strike in support of a senior shop steward who was dismissed for using a company photocopier without permission.

The action, by 80 men on the day shift in the stores department at the Browns Lane assembly plant in Coventry, led the company to lay off without pay 2,000 hourly-paid workers.

The strike followed the dismissal for gross misconduct of Mr Tommy Wheeler, the chairman of shop stewards in the stores department.

Mr Wheeler was dismissed after being found using a company photocopying machine to duplicate a letter from Mr Dave Nellist, the Labour MP for Coventry, South East.

The letter was about stress-related illnesses in industry and referred to allegations that some Jaguar workers had suffered heart attacks because of the stress of their jobs.

Mr Wheeler, who was due to retire in 18 months, said: "I admit I used the machine without permission, although I have been given permission to use it in the past. It is the sort of thing which merits a rap over the knuckles, not the sack."

The company said: "He was photocopying a large amount of material which was nothing whatever to do with Jaguar."

Glasgow Govan by-election

Poll boosts hopes of SNP

By Kerry Gill

The Scottish National Party's hopes for a late advance in the Glasgow Govan by-election were raised last night with an opinion poll showing that the nationalists have substantially narrowed the gap between themselves and Labour.

A System Three poll commissioned by Scottish Television and the *Glasgow Herald* shows that the SNP's fortunes for Thursday's poll have markedly improved.

It now has 33.4 per cent of the vote compared with 20.4 per cent at the time of a poll conducted for *The Sunday Times* on October 30.

Labour's popularity has slumped slightly from 54.5 to 52.9 per cent with the Tories' support remaining virtually static at 8 per cent, compared with 8.3 per cent at the end of last month.

However, what is even more significant, and of much comfort to the SNP, is that 28 per cent of the electorate remain uncommitted making it theoretically possible for the nationalists to stage the breakthrough they need

The System Three poll surveyed the views of 1,013 electors on November 5/6.

Mr Michael Heseltine, visiting Govan to support the Tory candidate, Mr Graeme Hamilton, said that Mr Gordon Brown, Labour's Treasury spokesman, had indulged in "disgraceful, scare tactics" in attempting to highlight the plight of pensioners with the example of a man, aged 72, who suffers from Parkinson's disease.

The case of Mr Frank McCafferty, who is virtually housebound, was given as an example by Mr Brown of someone who had allegedly built up a rent bill of £100 due to government policies while in hospital.

Mr Heseltine said the benefits' shake-up, indicated by Mr Nigel Lawson, was in truth a way of helping the poorer pensioners of Govan and similar areas to catch up with those who enjoyed higher savings and better pension schemes.

However, Mr Brown, also in Govan yesterday, said he would write to Mr Lawson seeking his assurance that universal payments would not be undermined.

General election, June 1987: S Millan (Lab), 24,071; A Ferguson (SDP/All), 4,562; Mrs J R Carstairs (C), 4,411; F McCabe (SNP), 3,851; D Chalmers (Comm), 237. Lab majority: 19,509.

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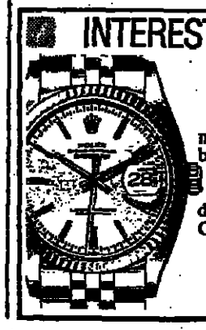

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Rape case therapist says patients would have heard assault

By Michael Horsnell

A physiotherapist yesterday denied raping a primary school teacher and said other patients were receiving treatment in adjoining cubicles at the time of the alleged attack.

The man, aged 47, who is recognized by the Football Association as a remedial therapist, named two other patients whom he said were only three feet away from the alleged victim.

They were each separated by a curtain from the centre cubicle of the three in his surgery at Benfleet, Essex, where the teacher was receiving treatment for shoulder and back injuries in December 1985.

The therapist, a former amateur footballer with Walthamstow Avenue FC, said anything abnormal happening would have been overhead by the other patients.

And if, as the plaintiff had claimed, she had fallen from the couch in her cubicle when another indecent assault is alleged to have occurred, she could have been seen from the other cubicles below the curtain which ended about 18 inches from the floor.

The teacher, aged 25, who was studying for a Bachelor of Education degree at Essex Institute of Higher Education, is seeking aggravated damages for trespass to the person in a civil action in the High Court sitting in Chelmsford.

It is the first time in British legal history that civil action has been taken by an alleged rape victim where there has been no previous criminal conviction against her attacker.

Criminal action against the defendant was abandoned by the Director of Public Prosecutions after he had considered the available evidence.

The accused, a married man with three teenage children, told the court on the sixth day of the hearing that he had treated the woman since October 16, 1985.

From November 24, he had also treated her for a back injury sustained in an earlier car accident.

He said he recalled from her treatment card that she had had to remove her lower outer clothing on two occasions only to facilitate treatment.

The afternoon of December 23 was a busy afternoon, he said, and at about 2.30pm when she arrived for treatment in cubicle two, cubicle one was occupied by a Mr Alan Green and cubicle three by Miss Nicole Simmonds, aged about 14, a member of Thurrock Harriers Athletic Club who was accompanied by her mother.

The defendant said that at no time was his alleged victim alone in his surgery. He said: "I was engaged in giving treatment to those other clients that afternoon. They would have been in a position to hear anything untoward going on in another cubicle."

The teacher had a sharp pain across her upper back. There would have been no need for her lower garments to be removed during treatment which involved 20 minutes of infra-red heat including a light massage with oil and three minutes of ultrasonic treatment.

No sexual attack of any kind took place during that time. There was nothing unusual about the teacher during or after her treatment. She had paid him £6 as usual and was collected by her father.

Asked how he felt when he was arrested on January 10, 1986, he said: "You must be joking.

"I was not aware who was making the complaint or what the date was. I just had a horrible instinct I was being framed for something. I didn't know what was going on."

The case continues today.

Overwhelming vote to opt-out

Jubilant children surround Mr Chris Hampson, headmaster of St James' comprehensive school, in Bolton yesterday after the result was given of the vote by parents for the school to opt out of local council control (Photograph: Barry Greenwood).

By Ronald Faux

Parents at St James' Church of England comprehensive school in Bolton, Greater Manchester, voted overwhelmingly yesterday to opt out of council control and to have their school directly grant-maintained by the Government.

Bolton Education Authority had earmarked the school for closure because of falling school rolls and £1.5 million of repairs to the building.

It became the second school in Britain to apply to the Secretary of State for Education and Science for the new status. Of the 1,088 parents eligible to vote, 907 had done so and only four voted against the change. "A 99.6 per cent vote for St James is an overwhelming vote of confidence by parents in the standard of the school and its future", Rev Paul Kerr, chairman of the governors, said.

As champagne corks popped in the staff room the news was received bleakly in Bolton town hall. Mr Don Eastwood, chairman of Bolton's education and arts committee, said the Labour-controlled council remained vigorously opposed to the principle of opting out. He said the vote at St James was clearly an opportunistic response to the authority's closure proposal and was no response to the falling rolls.

"There are, quite simply, not enough pupils currently or in the 1990s to sustain four schools. If St James does not close, or if it is allowed to 'opt out' the future of one or more of the other schools will plainly be in doubt.

"We will make clear to Mr Kenneth Baker (Secretary of State for Education and Science) that if he wishes this authority to plan for the next decade and beyond, three not four schools are needed."

But at St James the "saving our school" campaigners sensed more than victory in one round of a longer fight. Parents have not been deterred by the warnings from the council and their school was a proven worth, Mr Kerr said.

Mr Andrew Turner, director of the Grant Maintained Schools Trust, the body set up to advise schools and parents on opting out, said he was delighted by the vote at Bolton.

"The result at St James is even better than last week in Skegness in terms both of the number of parents who have voted in the ballot and of the number who have supported an application for grant-maintained status", he said.

● The London Oratory School in Chelsea confirmed yesterday that it is likely to become the first Roman Catholic school to apply to opt out. The Fathers of the Oratory, the religious order which owns the schools, believes the move will give it greater autonomy.

Mr John McIntosh, the headmaster, said that parents would be balloted on the issue before Christmas.

Customs wrong in drug raid on plane

Innocent air passengers and airline companies should not be the victims in the hunt for drug smugglers, a High Court judge said yesterday.

Mr Justice Tucker ruled that Customs and Excise did not have powers to confiscate any aircraft if drugs were found on board.

In May last year, Customs men kept about two hundred passengers waiting when they seized an Air Canada TriStar and refused to release it until the airline paid a £50,000 penalty. Five days before they had found 331 kilograms of cannabis resin, with a street value of £800,000, in a container on the plane.

Air Canada challenged the seizure and sued for its money. The company claimed that Customs and Excise did not have the power to seize aircraft used for smuggling unless they had proof that the carriers knew, or should have known, there were prohibited goods aboard.

Child killed

Police are hunting a motorist who yesterday sped from the scene of an accident near Dowlais, Mid Glamorgan with Irene Morgan, aged four, on the bonnet of his car. The child died later.

Rape inquiry

A Warwickshire police officer alleged to have raped a colleague has been suspended. The Director of Public Prosecutions is considering a report senior detectives took four months to prepare.

Drug remands

Two women and three men from London arrested on Friday night were remanded to different dates by Thames Magistrates' Court yesterday on charges of supplying Ecstasy and other drugs.

Todd libelled

Mr Ron Todd, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, was awarded substantial libel damages in the High Court yesterday over allegations in *The Sun* newspaper.

M61 jury out

The jury at Preston Crown Court where David Dawson, aged 25, is accused of causing 13 deaths on the M61, was sent to a hotel yesterday after failing to reach a verdict.

Multiple share applications

Solicitor had £200,000 debt

A solicitor who aimed to make nearly £100,000 from 1,116 multiple share applications in privatization sales was jailed for 18 months yesterday with 12 months suspended.

Southwark Crown Court was told that he regarded the Government's warnings of prosecution as scare tactics.

David Phillips, aged 36, admitted 26 specimen charges of obtaining property by deception.

Phillips, a practising solicitor of 10 years with his own Manchester practice, was said to have been motivated by greed and a need to make "easy money" to pay a £200,000 debt. He made £47,498 after obtaining nearly 200,000 shares in British Gas, Rolls-Royce, British Airways and the British Airports Authority.

He used the names of clients, fictitious people and some plucked from telephone directories to "make a killing" in the four share issues, but was caught when British Gas scrutineers became suspicious of the 568 applications from his office, Phillips and Co.

"Mr Phillips was not aware of prosecutions and regarded government warnings against multiple share applications rather like a warning saying 'trespassers will be prosecuted'," Mr Peter Birkett, for the defence, said.

Phillips, a father of three, of Carlton Road, Hale, Cheshire, admitted his guilt when he was interviewed by police in October last year and told detectives of the multiple applications he made between November 27, 1986 and July 31, last year.

Mr Brian Barker, for the prosecution, said: "Phillips acted with a flagrant disregard of the conditions on the application forms to make a killing for himself. The rule was clear: one person for one application.

"His potential profit of £93,492 was considerably greater than what he actually made." Judge Anwyl-Davies, fining Phillips a total of £46,800 payable within six months, said: "You gravely abused your position as a solicitor of the realm by using your client account and address to hide your dishonesty.

"You as a solicitor knew what you were doing was intended to deceive."

● A businessman was jailed for 18 months yesterday for using money which should have paid his company's creditors to use chauffeur-driven cars and dine at expensive restaurants.

John Clarke, aged 47, of Lowndes Square, Westminster, central London, was found guilty at the Central Criminal Court of knowingly carrying on business with intent to defraud creditors between November 1983 and December 1984.

Guidelines on history

New guidance for schools on teaching history, published yesterday, emphasizes the need to consider the place of ethnic minorities and women.

Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools say: "History has a particularly important role to play in preparing pupils to participate in a multi-ethnic society...those people responsible for designing history courses need to be sensitive about the choice of course content. Similar considerations apply also to gender; history courses should ensure that women are not 'invisible'." The inspectors also defend "empathy" questions: "Pupils need to be able to reconstruct historical situations from the viewpoint of people living at the time."

Mr Stuart Sexton, head of the education department at the Institute of Economic Affairs, said last night: "There are grave anxieties about a syllabus which is a hotchpotch of ideas."

History from 5 to 16, Curriculum Matters 11, an HMI series, (Stationery Office £2).

Heads' plea to parents

The headmasters of three of Yorkshire's oldest public schools have sent parents letters of advice to help counteract drinking and drug-taking at teenage parties.

The heads of St Peter's School, York, opened 1,360 years ago, Bootham School, a leading Quaker school in York and Pocklington School, warned that teenagers were particularly at risk at unsupervised parties.

Mr Robin Pittman, head of St Peter's, said: "We have put forward simple guidelines which have been welcomed by parents."

The guidelines suggest that when a teenager says he or she is going to a party their parents should check where the party is to be held to ensure that all is well. Mr Ian Small, head of Bootham School, said: "I think parents need to be alert to the dangers which are open to some teenagers today."

Mr Tony Pickering, head of Pocklington School said: "My advice was to warn parents to question where their children were going."

Schoolgirl 'terrorized' by intruder

A schoolgirl aged 16 recited Shakespeare during a three-hour knifepoint rape ordeal as her parents slept next door, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

The terrified virgin was said to have tried a number of different tactics to deter the 6ft 3in prowler from raping her in August last year. Remembering the training she had at self-defence classes, she tried to gain the friendship of the intruder by smoking a cigarette and chatting with him.

But Alieu Ceesay, aged 23, the alleged knife-wielding intruder, would not be diverted and forced her to take part in serious sexual acts before raping her, Miss Heather Hallett, for the prosecution, said.

The court was told that Mr Ceesay broke into the second-floor flat near Battersea Park, south-west London, by climbing scaffolding outside the girl's window.

The teenager had left the french windows in her room open because it was a hot night. She awoke with a start to find the silhouette of a man undressing at the end of the bed.

Miss Hallett said that to stop her screaming Mr Ceesay put his hand tightly over her mouth and said: "If you make a noise I will kill the man next door". That was her father, sleeping peacefully in the bedroom next door, unaware of her nightmare ordeal.

Mr Ceesay, unemployed, of Arthur Court, Charlotte Despard Avenue, Battersea, denies rape and a serious sexual assault on August 18 last year.

The case continues today.

'Clean break' trend challenged

Ex-wife wins alimony appeal

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Courts were warned by Court of Appeal judges yesterday not to be too enthusiastic about cutting divorced wives off from their maintenance lifelines, in spite of the "clean break" principle of recent years.

The trend has been to bring an end to the after-divorce maintenance obligations of husbands — or wives — as rapidly as possible. Specific legal provisions enable judges to do this by limiting the period for which maintenance runs.

But yesterday the Court of Appeal ruled that a High Court judge who imposed a five-year limit on a woman's £37.50-a-week maintenance order and then banned her from returning to court to ask for the time limit to be extended, went too far.

The ruling will anger groups such as the Divorce Law Reform Association who argue that divorced men and second wives already receive an unfair deal from the courts; and that as it is, courts are not applying the "clean break" principle.

In yesterday's case, the marriage of Mrs Angela Waterman, a former secretary, to her husband Andrew, a university lecturer in Northern Ireland, broke down after 17 months although they had lived with each other for more than a year before they married, Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division, said.

He said that after the divorce Mrs Waterman, of Nocton, Lincolnshire, was awarded maintenance for both herself and her young son against Mr Waterman, of Coleraine, Londonderry.

Deputy Judge Hutchinson ruled at Lincoln last May that Mrs Waterman should receive a £2,000 lump sum and £37.50 a week until May 1992. But he went on to ban her from returning to court to ask for the time limit to be extended.

Sir Stephen said divorced women whose financial circumstances change still do return to court and ask for the original after-divorce cash arrangements to be changed in the light of their new circumstances.

He ruled that the judge had gone too far in closing the door for Mrs Waterman to return to court.

The judges allowed her appeal against the order and lifted the ban on her going back to ask for more. Sir Stephen said that by the time the five years were up, Mrs Waterman's son would still only be about 10 and there was uncertainty about what her financial position would then be.

He said the court considered that the judge was entitled to impose a five year time limit on the order. But it had been wrong in the circumstances for him to ban Mrs Waterman from returning.

● Nearly one in three solicitors who specialize in divorce and family law is giving up or actively thinking of giving up legal aid work, according to a survey carried out by the the Solicitors' Family Law Association and published in this month's *Family Law*.

Bonfires may have helped form fog

Guy Fawkes night celebrations could have helped to form the dense, freezing fog which caused chaos for air, road and rail travellers throughout many parts of Britain yesterday.

Police criticized motorists for driving up to 70mph when visibility was down to only 100ft. At Heathrow and Gatwick airports flights were delayed by fog for the second day and 26 flights due to arrive at Gatwick in the morning were put back as staff reported zero visibility.

The Meteorological Office at Bracknell said: "It was foggy over the weekend, but the bonfire smoke helped the fog to form more readily. It did not create a smog in London as some people reported."

Friends of the Earth, the environmental pressure group, said there was build up of sulphur dioxide in London, which showed nearly 670 microgrammes per cubic metre of air, almost double the safety limit laid down by the World Health Organization.

Weathermen forecast that the fog which affected most of England and parts of Wales, would be replaced by cloudy, but mild conditions today

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Gang accused of trying to steal eagle's eggs

By Kerry Gill

An investigations officer for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds yesterday described how he spied on a four-man gang attempting to find a golden eagle's nest in a Scottish glen.

Mr David Dick told a court that the four Englishmen were armed with two walkie-talkie radios as they moved in allegedy to raid the nest near Aberfeldy, Perthshire on March 28.

The four men were charged at Perth Sheriff Court yesterday with attempting to take golden eagle eggs and disturbing the birds at their nest. The men, Mr Barry Sheavils, aged 28, a labourer, of Stanley, Co Durham; Mr Marcus Betteridge, aged 29, of Buckfastleigh, Devon; Mr Colin Watson, aged 45, a welder, of Wistow, Selby, North Yorkshire, and Mr Douglas Young, aged 62, of Tatterford, Fakenham, Norfolk, all pleaded not guilty.

Mr Dick said that when he arrived in the glen he saw three people appear, a rope being taken out of a rucksack and thrown over a ledge, and a man climbing down.

He said that he knew there was an empty eagle's nest close to where the man was climbing. "It is known as the traditional eagle's nest in the area, but the nest was actually 200 yards away", he said.

Mr Dick said the man, who he identified as Colin Watson, spent several minutes suspended by the rope before pulling himself up. They were then seen by police officers as they walked down the glen. They were found in possession of a tin and lavatory paper - standard equipment used by nest thieves to take away birds' eggs, Mr Dick told the court.

The trial was adjourned until later this month.

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Parents angry over Bradford's 80% rise in school meal price

By Peter Davenport

School meal charges for 24,000 children in Bradford went up yesterday as the first of the economic measures introduced by the new Conservative city council took effect.

For some parents the increase to 80p a day for each child represented a rise of almost 80 per cent on previous costs which had been staggered according to age.

The increases brought protests from parents. Petitions were organized in at least two schools.

Mrs Elaine Cockcroft, a parent governor at Bracken Hill First School, collected 150 signatures in 20 minutes. She has two daughters at the school and a son at a middle school near by.

"It seems especially hard-hearted with winter coming on. Many children will have to take sandwiches or go home for dinner", she said.

The decision to increase the charges was also criticized by local officials of the Child Poverty Action Group. "This charge will inevitably lead to the diet and the health of Bradford's children worsening as more and more children end up having sandwiches or chips for their midday meal", it said.

The organization said that the increases make Bradford, the first authority in England to have a school meals service, the third most expensive. Only Harrow and Avon, which charge 85p, are dearer.

It gave as an example a couple bringing up three children on invalidity benefit who, it said, would now have to find £12 a week for a service that was free until April when their benefit had increased by only £3.90 in the same period.

Leaders of the mainstream churches in Bradford as well as the local branch of the National Association of Head Teachers also attacked the increases.

The Conservatives insist that the changes will not effect children who receive free meals, and the increase still meant the meals represented the same value as four years ago.

The increased charges are expected to bring in an extra £480,000 in the current financial year, rising to £1.46 million in a full year. A spokesman for the authority said last night it was too early to tell whether the increases had had any effect on the demand for meals.

● The number of public schools offering subsidized education to children from poor backgrounds under the Government's assisted places scheme is to be increased by nearly a quarter (Douglas Broom writes).

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said in a Commons written answer that the number of schools participating in the scheme was being increased from 226 to 278.

Among the schools joining the scheme this year are: Ardingly College, West Sussex; Cheltenham Ladies' College, Gloucestershire; Christ's Hospital School, Horsham, West Sussex; Kimbolton School, Cambridgeshire and Oakham School, Rutland. The list also includes Giggleswick School, North Yorkshire.

Each school will offer five assisted places. The average fees charged are £2,348 a year, with the Department of Education and Science paying an average of £1,867. The average parental income of pupils involved was £8,516.

Guard of honour for Brunei forces chief

Major General Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Dewa Dato Seri Pahlawan Haji Mohammad Bin Haji Daud, chief of the armed forces staff of Brunei, accompanied by Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse, Chief of the Defence Staff, inspecting a guard of honour yesterday formed by the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards at the Ministry of Defence. He later held talks with Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Procurement, and the chiefs of the three armed services.

Student and his 10 children move out

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

Mr Danny Walter yesterday packed his wife and 10 children safely into a taxi and minibus, shut the door on the university house his family had been illegally occupying for three months, mounted his bicycle and pedalled off to an uncertain future in local council accommodation.

Mrs Lia Walter, aged 39, who says she is expecting her thirteenth baby next week (the two oldest children are at college in London), left the Glen Eyre halls of residence at Southampton University peacefully before the 10 am deadline for eviction passed.

The children formed a human chain to load their luggage and furniture into a removal van waiting to take them to a DHSS bed-and-breakfast hotel two miles away.

Mr Walter, aged 42, who is studying philosophy as a mature student at the university, rented the 10-room house in July, but refused to move out at the beginning of the academic year to make way for the first-year students to whom the rooms had been allocated.

According to a spokesman for the university, although the rent was agreed at £90 a week, Mr Walter, who has been unemployed for 10 years, owes more than £2,000 in rent arrears.

Southampton council has agreed to pay the £200-a-week bill for accommodating the Walter family for the next 28 days in a bed and breakfast hotel; after that they become the responsibility of the Department of Health and Social Security.

The university spokesman said: "We are very relieved that they have moved on because we have a number of students doubling up and some sleeping in a games room waiting for their house.

"Mr Walter is a bona fide student at the university and there have been no complaints about his work."

The family receives £180 a week in child and unemployment benefits, and family credits.

Mrs Walter said: "We feel badly let down by the university and are convinced that if we had bribed some officials we would have been allowed to stay.

"We have been harassed and persecuted by the students as well."

However, the treasurer of the students' union, Miss Joe Parsons, denied that there had been any harassment of the Walter family by students.

Mr Walter who last week wrote to Mr Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, asking for a stay of eviction, yesterday reacted angrily to suggestions that he was abusing the welfare state system.

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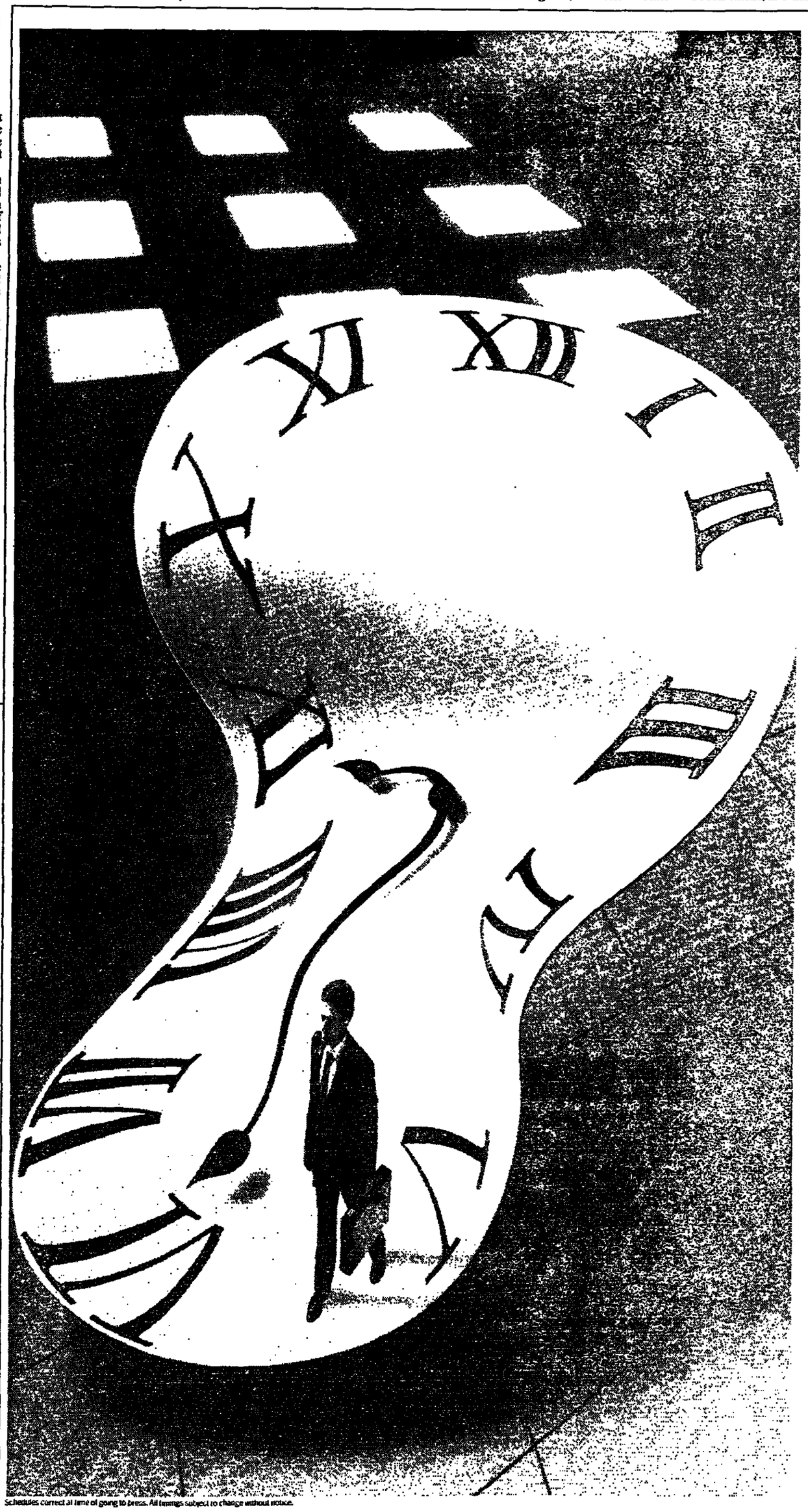

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Occidental looks at new formula on Piper compensation

By Kerry Gill

Occidental Oil, operators of the Piper Alpha platform, were last night considering a new way to break the deadlock over compensation offers to bereaved families.

The formula was drawn up by the legal consortium representing most of the families who stand to receive compensation awards averaging £600,000.

Lawyers within the consortium are advising the families to reject the present offers because of strings attached to the deal which require them to sign a "release and discharge" document.

That means relatives would assign any rights to sue a third party over to the oil company. Third parties might include the designers or the builders of Piper Alpha, which blew up on July 6 killing 167 men.

Another condition requires the families to cooperate with Occidental should the company decide to sue a third party to recover its costs.

Mr David Burnside, the lawyer leading the consortium, said that they had drawn up a new formula which would protect the interests of both sides following advice taken from American lawyers, and this had been sent to Occidental.

Mr Burnside said he hoped that the formula would be acceptable to both parties and they would be meeting each other later today for further discussions.

The consortium's position had not been changed by the revelation in *The Times* that a widow outside the group has settled her claim against Occidental for about £1 million.

Her rights against third parties were assigned to Occidental, but her advisers negotiated out any obligation to cooperate further with the oil company so that she would not have to undergo any further unnecessary distress.

Mr Burnside said: "That doesn't alter our position at all. We still wish to preserve our clients' rights to proceed against other people. We feel this is an important protection which should be kept in."

The widow was represented by Quantum Claims Compensation Specialists Ltd, set up earlier this year by Mr Frank Lefevre, an Aberdeen lawyer, on an American-style no-win no-fee basis.

The company is involved in 10 claims by families of victims and Mr Lefevre said yesterday that he expected other widows to follow the example of the one who had settled at the top end of the compensation scale.

The amounts offered by Occidental to widows were "high by any standards", said Mr Lefevre, adding that it was unrealistic for families to expect to hang on to rights to sue other parties in the hope of getting more.

Compensation being offered by Occidental compared favourably with awards that might come from American courts, he said, stressing that litigation through the American courts could take another two or three years.

However, Mr Lefevre admitted there were some difficulties over the amount of cash being offered to the parents of victims because the level of awards to parents in Britain was generally low.

He had been instructed by one set of parents to raise an action against Occidental in the United States and American lawyers had been briefed to proceed, *said Mr Lefevre.*

Falklands hero launches appeal

This year's Poppy Appeal was launched yesterday by Simon Weston, the former Welsh Guardsman trying to rebuild his life after being badly burnt in the Falklands conflict. Mr Weston urged people to support the Royal British Legion, which hopes to raise a record £10 million. "The legion has helped me enormously in the way of friendship and *comradeship. I've met some great people.* Being allowed to launch the Poppy Appeal today was probably one of the greatest honours I will ever have", he *said in Whitehall.* Mr Weston, aged 27, has undergone extensive surgery for his 46 per cent burns and has been doing charity work and learning to fly. Mr Ted Jobson, Poppy Appeal chairman, said Mr Weston had been chosen for the launch because he was a young ex-serviceman benefiting from the legion's work. "The legion tended over the years to be considered as a charity for old war veterans", he said. "We wanted to demonstrate that this was just not the case." To launch the appeal, Mr Weston released 400 balloons with the help of Sophie Pyecroft, Miss Poppy 1988, a dancer aged 19.

(Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

Campaign to reduce ethnic jobless

By Roland Rudd

The Government is to launch a campaign to reduce unemployment among ethnic minorities after a *labour force* survey showing that the jobless rate is significantly higher for blacks and Asians than for the white population.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, has commissioned a series of new reports into unemployment in Birmingham, Coventry and Wolverhampton, where ethnic minorities account for up to 15 per cent of the population.

Officials at the Department of Employment point to the London Labour Market Survey's *figure of 30 per cent of* the long-term unemployed being black or Asian.

The Government argues that this cannot be because the ethnic minority population is *younger on average than the* total population. Therefore young people have a higher tendency to be unemployed.

Instead, it suspects a combination of dole fraud and an unwillingness by employers to hire minorities.

It will therefore use the report to ensure that employers take a more active role in recruiting long-term unemployed and ethnic minorities.

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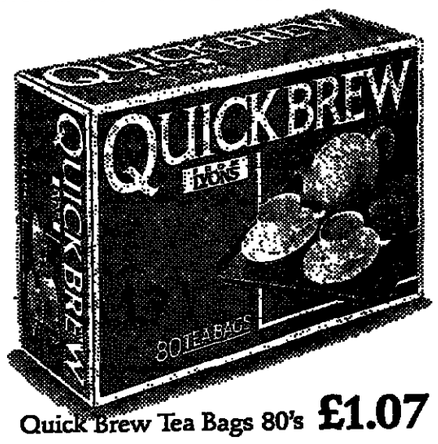

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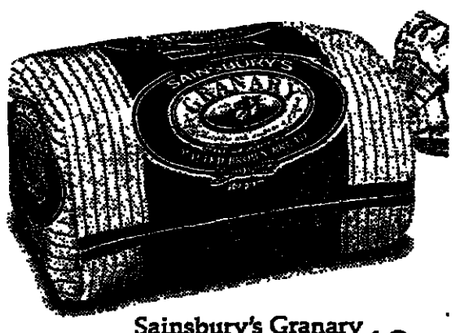

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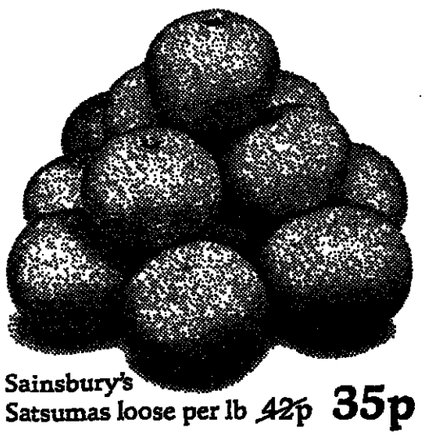

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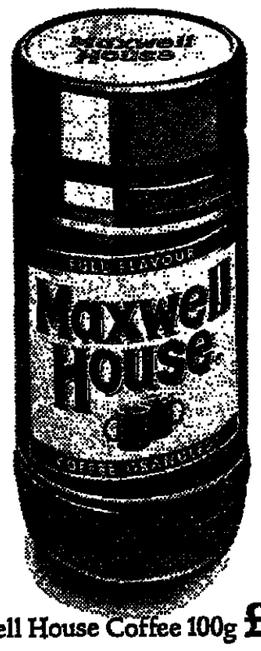

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Fresh alibi claim in boy's murder

Lawyers preparing to argue a renewed appeal later this month by three men serving life sentences for the murder of Carl Bridgewater, the newsboy, are unanimous that it must be the final inquiry into the case, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday.

During an appeal preview hearing before the judges who will hear the case, Mr Graham Laughland, QC, for one of the men, said: "We seek to end this seemingly endless public debate as to who shot the newspaper boy. We really want to sort this case out".

He told Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Leonard and Mr Justice Potts: "The tools given to us by Parliament are, *really, imperfect. This court* faces a very difficult task".

The appeal process since Michael and Vincent Hickey, two brothers, and James Robinson were convicted at Stafford in 1979 had been exhausted, Mr Laughland said.

There had been a number of police inquiries into various aspects of the case. Last October, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, referred the case back to the Court of Appeal.

Lord Justice Russell said that the case seemed to present a wide-ranging public inquiry, the purpose of which was not clear.

It must not be assumed that the court would agree to hear all the witnesses it was sought to call, he said. "This is not a public inquiry. This is a reference by the Home Secretary and we are bound by statute."

The hearing begins in London on November 21 and may run into the new year.

Robinson was 45 and Vincent Hickey 25 when they were each ordered to serve 25 years imprisonment by Mr Justice Drake for the shotgun killing of the newsboy aged 13 after he delivered papers to Yew Tree Farm, Wordsley, West Midlands.

Michael Hickey, then 17, was ordered to be detained during Her Majesty's pleasure, but was later transferred to *Park Lane special mental hospital* at Liverpool.

A fourth man, Patrick Molloy, aged 51, who was given a 12-year jail sentence for manslaughter, died in prison.

Mr Benet Hytner, QC, for Robinson, said he would be seeking to call fresh alibi evidence and present a reappraisal of the identification evidence.

The case has been the subject of a television documentary and a book by Paul Foot, the campaigning journalist.

The book focused on the role of a fifth man who was later jailed for a shotgun killing at the farm next door to Yew Tree.

Village halls 'will need £30m in grant aid'

By John Young

More than half of England's village halls are in need of improvements or repairs within the next five years, a report says.

Requests for local authority grant aid could reach £30 million, although only £5 million is known to be available.

The report, by Village Halls Forum, which is part of the charity, Action with Communities in Rural England, suggests that village halls are in greater demand than ever and in many rural communities provide the main, if not the only, indoor facility.

The main users are play groups, mothers' and toddlers' groups, senior citizens' clubs, youth clubs, parish councils as well as Women's Institutes. Many also provide badminton and keep-fit facilities, and some house doctors' surgeries and medical clinics.

A survey of 3,000 halls and community centres recorded 315 activities, including goat and rabbit club meetings, *domino drives, archery, in*door cricket and parachute lessons.

More than half the halls are over 50 years old, and many are in poor condition. They are dependent on volunteers for maintenance.

The report suggests that village halls should be exempt from value-added tax on building work, fuel and power, and that more district councils should be prepared to grant 100 per cent rate relief.

Village Halls in England 1988 (Village Halls Forum, Stable Yard, Fairford Park, Fairford, Gloucestershire, GL7 4JQ; £4.95).

● A scheme for the "comprehensive rural regeneration" of Marston Moretaine, a *sprawling village about six* miles from Bedford, has been put forward by the London Brick Company.

It would provide up to 800 homes by the year 2001 on 320 acres of low grade agricultural land, most of which is owned by the company, and create about 850 jobs in light industry, offices and local services.

Plans also include a hotel, *sports facilities, a range of* small shops, a new community hall and branch library and a public park.

US aid for Irish centre

The International Fund for Ireland is to put up half the £3 million required to establish a cross-border research centre, working in advanced microelectronic technologies at Belfast, Cork and Dublin.

The fund, which is financed largely from the United States, *has allocated £1.5 million* over the next three years to help set up the inter-university Institute for Advanced Micro-Electronics at Queen's University, Belfast. Its other arms will be at the Irish National Micro-Electronics Research Centre at Cork, and at Trinity College, Dublin, and the institute will become operational on January 1.

It will have a strong industrial bias.

Among early targets will be the development of new fabrication techniques for "smart" power integrated circuits *handling* much higher voltage than contemporary chips.

Among industrial applications to which the institute will direct its work are computer *disk drives*, office equipment, devices for cars, and telecommunications.

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Israel bargaining could take weeks

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

An Israeli soldier was stabbed to death by an Arab in the West Bank yesterday as President Herzog began negotiations on which party can hope to lead a new coalition government after last week's deadheat general election.

With the ultra-Orthodox parties whose support is essential for any coalition locked in an internal power struggle, it could be weeks before a Cabinet can be formed, in spite of the urgent need for a strong government to take security and economic decisions.

Meanwhile, the Palestine Liberation Organization has called for an increase in "the armed struggle and political activities" in the territories.

It seems probable that the Arab who stabbed the soldier at Massua in the Jordan Valley, and who was then himself shot dead, was responding to this call.

The area is just north of Jericho, where there is now bitter resentment against Israel's reprisals for last week's petrol bombing of a bus in which a Jewish mother and her three children died.

The resentment has been fanned by the release of a youth aged 17 who was arrested after the petrol bombing. His grandmother's home was blown up before police cleared him.

In an interview with the Kuwaiti daily *al-Watan*, Abu Iyad, the PLO's second-in-command, said the election meant "those who govern Israel over the next four years will be religious extremists calling for expulsion and the transformation of the occupied territories into land free of non-Jewish elements".

In contrast, Mr Shimon Peres, whose Labour Party won 39 seats, now believes he can woo some of the religious parties into a coalition government prepared to hand over land for peace.

His hopes are based on a 200-year-old division inside the ultra-Orthodox block which, he thinks, could split the 18 seats won by the religious parties. He believes he can exploit the fact that non-Zionist parties are prepared to surrender land if it will save lives.

He is aiming specifically at Shas which, with six seats, was the most successful of the religious parties. It has a close ally in Degel Hatora, a new splinter party with two seats.

Mr Peres is trying to add these eight members to a Labour-led consensus of the left, allied with Arab parties, which already has 55 seats. This would give him 63 of the 120 Knesset seats, enough to keep the Likud group out.

The Fatah Revolutionary Council, the Palestinian group led by Abu Nidal which is holding eight French and Belgian prisoners seized from a boat off the Gaza Strip, has hinted that it may release two girls aged 5 and 6 (Our Foreign Staff writes). It said in a statement released in Beirut: "Our movement confirms that it has accomplished positive steps towards the release of the two little girls, Marie-Laure and Virginie, to insure their security and safety."

Likud can rely only on 45 votes, though it still seems totally confident of the eventual support of the five members of the National Religious Party. It thus needs the support of at least 11 of the 13 ultra-Orthodox Knesset members for a majority.

That provides a profound difficulty, since the five members of Agudat Yisrael say that they will never agree to coalition with Shas and Degel Hatora because of their ancient theological quarrel.

Likud hopes to buy them all off with important ministries, but the haggling ahead looks long and difficult, particularly since Mr Peres appears ready to top any offer made by his rivals.

Mr Rafael Eitan, leader of the right-wing Tsomet party, has won considerable attention with his plea yesterday for a coalition between Labour and Likud in order to change an electoral system which gives a seat to any party winning 1 per cent of the valid votes cast.

Mr Eitan, a former chief of staff, is refusing to join a Likud government if it includes the ultra-Orthodox parties, which he despises for refusing to do military service and for siphoning off government money for the benefit of Bible colleges.

He argues that electoral reform is the only way to save Israel from ultra-Orthodox interference capable of destroying it.

Even before the election, some Labour and Likud leaders agreed that there would be a need to rush through reforms in the event of a deadlock, and the scheme is to be raised tomorrow at a special meeting of the Labour bureau.

Mr Uzi Baram, the Labour general secretary, said after seeing President Herzog yesterday that if such a coalition were proposed seriously "we will consider it". He gave a warning, however, that it would be difficult to run a government on this one issue because of the need to make progress with the peace process at the same time.

The Likud negotiating team which saw the President emerged confident that Mr Yitzhak Shamir would eventually be called to head the next government.

Mr Eliyahu Ben-Elizar said that it would still take several weeks for a government to emerge, but there was no doubt that it would be headed by Mr Shamir.

Israeli troops dig up blood-stained earth at the spot where a soldier was stabbed to death on the West Bank yesterday. In line with Jewish custom, it will be buried with the body.

WORLD ROUNDUP

Greek minister quits over banker

Athens — Mr Anastassios Sehiotis, the Greek Public Order Minister, resigned yesterday after the disappearance of a Greek-American banker who faces charges of forgery and embezzlement in a scandal that has provoked charges of a cover-up by the Government (A Correspondent writes).

The banker, Mr George Koskotas, aged 34, is accused of forging statements purporting to show deposits in the United States of more than $30 million (£17.6 million) by the Bank of Crete, which he controls, and of illegally using bank funds to finance his other business activities. He was banned from leaving Greece pending the outcome of an investigation. Mr Sehiotis said that a warrant for the arrest of Mr Koskotas was issued after police lost track of him on Saturday afternoon, and added: "This is an issue of political delicacy, so I am handing in my resignation."

Ill dolphin 'may die'

Cairo — A British marine expert called yesterday for international pressure to save two dolphins abandoned in a swimming pool in the Meridien Hotel here (A Correspondent writes). Mr Douglas Cartlidge, of the Zoo Check organization in Dorking, Surrey, said that the sick dolphin had only "a 30 per cent chance of survival". He hopes to meet senior Egyptian officials to persuade them to return the dolphins to the wild. An all-party group of British MPs has telephoned support and is understood to be pressing the British Embassy in Cairo to take up the matter.

Deng loosens reins

Peking — Mr Deng Xiaoping, aged 84, said yesterday that he was no longer in charge in China, and that he had passed the reins of power to Mr Zhao Ziyang, the General Secretary, and Mr Li Peng, the Premier (Catherine Sampson writes). His comments were made in a meeting with President Sanguinetti of Uruguay. Despite his avowals, however, it is agreed by observers that his is still the final arbiter and the ultimate power. He retired from virtually all his posts in October last year, but visiting world leaders still meet him to discuss matters of importance.

Mandela speculation

Johannesburg — Mrs Winnie Mandela, wife of outlawed African National Congress leader, Nelson Mandela, yesterday visited her husband in the private Cape Town clinic where he is recuperating from tuberculosis (Michael Hornsby writes). Her visit came amid feverish speculation that Mandela, aged 70, who is said to have made a full recovery, was about to be freed. But the speculation appeared to be no more soundly based than the rumours of his death which swept the townships last week and obliged the authorities to issue a statement that he was still alive.

Mystery over death of Haiti colonel facing drug charges

From Alan Tomlinson
Miami

Colonel Jean-Claude Paul, a once powerful commander in the Haitian Army who faced drug trafficking charges in the United States, has died suddenly at his home in the capital, Port-au-Prince.

His death under mysterious circumstances comes only five weeks after he was forced into retirement by General Prosper Avril, who seized power in a coup on September 17.

Haitian police confirmed yesterday that the colonel, aged 49, had died on Sunday afternoon. The apparent cause of death was a heart attack. But a local radio station quoted an unidentified family friend as saying that there is speculation he was poisoned. The friend also said that Colonel Paul's servants had been arrested and taken to a police station to be questioned.

The same source said that the colonel's former wife, Mrs Mireille Delinois, was also in the hands of the police. Colonel Paul was one of the most powerful and feared men in Haiti until his forced retirement as commander of the 700-man Dessalines infantry battalion two weeks after the coup. He was among scores of senior officers who lost their commands in a wide-ranging purge of the Army.

Colonel Paul: Reports say he may have been poisoned.

His death relieves General Avril of a ticklish problem — the colonel's indictment in Miami on the drug trafficking charges. The US has stipulated that progress on curbing drug smuggling is a condition for the renewal of $70 million (£40 million) in aid.

Colonel Paul's sudden demise also removes a potential threat to General Avril, who has been stealthily consolidating his power since the coup.

Although Colonel Paul took no part in it, he appeared to support the coup and was well positioned to make or break it.

Soldiers under the colonel's command have been linked to widespread violence which has thwarted moves to bring democracy to Haiti since the popular uprising in 1986 which overthrew the Duvalier dynasty.

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Death toll in Chinese earthquake rises to 600

Peking (Reuter, AP) – More than 600 people are now known to have died in an earthquake which struck south-west China on Sunday, according to a report yesterday on state radio.

The earthquake, measuring 7.6 on the Richter scale, was centred on Lancang county in Yunnan province, which borders Burma. The radio said that 36 tremors had struck the remote region, badly damaging homes in more than 10 towns, with the worst devastation reported in the town of Banmapuo.

The State Seismology Bureau in Peking, which had earlier reported 18 killed and 54 injured, said it had no new information despite the official radio report.

But reports from the stricken area said that troops have been drafted in to help with the rescue operation and that the authorities in Yunnan had appealed for an airlift of food, medicine and other relief supplies, as roads to the area remained impassable.

The initial tremor was also felt in Kunming, the capital of Yunnan, which has 1.5 million residents and is situated 240 miles north-east of Lancang, but there were no reports of damage there.

Most dwellings in the worst affected areas of Lancang, which is home to the Lahu and Va minority groups, are simple mud-and-wood structures.

An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale hit the Lancang region on October 15, but there were no reports of casualties.

The Richter scale is a gauge of the energy released by an earthquake as measured by the ground motion recorded on a seismograph. A quake measuring seven is capable of causing heavy damage in a populated area, while one measuring eight is 10 times as strong and can do tremendous damage.

Seismologists said that they did not know yet if the Yunnan earthquakes were related to a powerful tremor that hit the far west of China last Saturday.

Experts said earlier this year that China was entering a period of renewed seismic activity after a relatively dormant decade and this would reach a high point after 1990.

Chinese newspapers have been urging peasants not to hold superstitious rites to ward off quakes. Many Chinese peasants believe that 1988 – like 1976 a Year of the Dragon – augurs disaster.

An earthquake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale devastated Tangshan in north-east China's Hebei province in 1976, killing at least 240,000 people.

Express crash kills nine in French railways' blackest year

Plainclothes police at Epernay inspecting the derailed express, which killed nine workers, while a fireman clears debris.

Epernay (Reuter) – An express train, switched to the wrong track by mistake, ploughed into a maintenance vehicle in thick fog yesterday, killing nine workers who were on the line.

A spokesman for the French national railway, SNCF, said one passenger was seriously injured and nine were hurt.

It was France's fourth fatal train accident in just over four months, bringing the death toll on the railways this year to 69, with more than 180 injured.

Rescue services said the Luxembourg-Paris express, with 400 passengers on board, crashed into a line-inspection wagon on a service track at the village station of Ay in eastern France.

The locomotive and eight of the train's 11 coaches jumped the rails at some 30 mph. The express was supposed to bypass Ay station, where work was being carried out on the main line, but an unexplained switching error put it on the wrong track, a spokesman for SNCF at Rheims said.

"The train was switched for reasons we do not yet know on to a service track at Ay station where it struck a vehicle used for carrying men and material for line-repair work," he said. One passenger told French radio: "There was a hard jolt and everyone knew right away it was derailing. Bags were flying, and people were all over the place."

The Transport Minister, M Michel Delebarre, and the SNCF director-general, M Jean Costet, went to inspect the scene of the crash.

In one of the blackest years on record for French railways, seven trains have been involved in accidents in 1988, including two of the prestige high-speed TGV expresses.

The worst accident occurred in the heart of Paris on June 27, when one commuter train slammed into the rear of another during rush hour at the Gare de Lyon, killing 56 people.

Just over a month later, a commuter train went through a red signal and crashed at the Paris Gare de l'Est station, killing one and injuring 57. The SNCF president, M Philippe Rouvillois, resigned the next day.

On September 23 two people were killed and 35 injured when the Grenoble-Lyons TGV hit a lorry on a level crossing.

Cabinet warning to Lange

From Richard Long, Wellington

The Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr David Lange, is understood to have received a clear message from Cabinet colleagues that he should abide by collective Cabinet decisions or his leadership would be in jeopardy.

Government sources said the message was delivered at a Cabinet meeting yesterday as ministers debated events surrounding the weekend dismissal of Mr Richard Prebble, the former Minister of State-owned Enterprises.

Television New Zealand reported that he was given an ultimatum warning him that senior ministers would resign if he did not abide by Cabinet decisions.

Mr Lange removed Mr Prebble from the State-owned Enterprises portfolio on Friday, then removed him from Cabinet the next day after Mr Prebble hit back on television, describing Mr Lange as dictatorial and irrational.

The initial dismissal was ostensibly over Mr Prebble's refusal to accept a new procedure for state asset sales drawn up by the Prime Minister's department. The procedure will govern the planned $NZ2 billion (£706 million) disposal of state assets, including Air New Zealand, due to be completed before the end of March.

But political observers see the skirmishing as a public manifestation of the ideological split which has divided the Cabinet for much of this year.

Mr Lange has wanted to slow the pace of economic change, while the Finance Minister, Mr Roger Douglas, assisted by Mr Prebble as his chief lieutenant, has sought to maintain the momentum of Thatcher-like reforms.

The dismissal enabled Mr Lange to reassert his authority in the Cabinet and removed Mr Douglas's chief disciple, but dismayed many ministers.

Aboriginal sacking protest

From Christopher Morris, Sydney

Hundreds of angry Aborigines gathered outside Parliament House in Canberra yesterday to protest about the dismissal of Mr Charles Perkins, the first Aboriginal to head a government department.

His dismissal as head of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs has plunged the Government into a political crisis and is also embarrassing, because the Government has been making special efforts in Bicentenary year to redress wrongs against the Aborigines.

Mr Perkins was dismissed on Friday after allegations of widespread financial maladministration and corruption in his department and at the Aboriginal Development Commission.

The dismissal came after a dispute with the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Mr Gerry Hand, over £150,000 spent on poker machines at an Aboriginal social club in Canberra of which Mr Perkins is the president.

Annoyed by the dismissal, Aborigines yesterday marched on Parliament House. Last night they warned that they would picket Parliament until Mr Perkins was reinstated. They claim the minister should be sacked.

The Government acknowledged the seriousness of the dispute by agreeing last night to set up an inquiry headed by a bureaucrat, Mr Andrew Menzies.

Mr Perkins, however, has vowed to take his fight to the Human Rights Commission and even to the United Nations if his bid to restore his good name fails.

He claims that Mr Hand was aware of everything that had occurred, including the commission's decision to buy 47 poker machines for the club. "That was a legitimate exercise," he said, "the club has the right to survive like anybody else."

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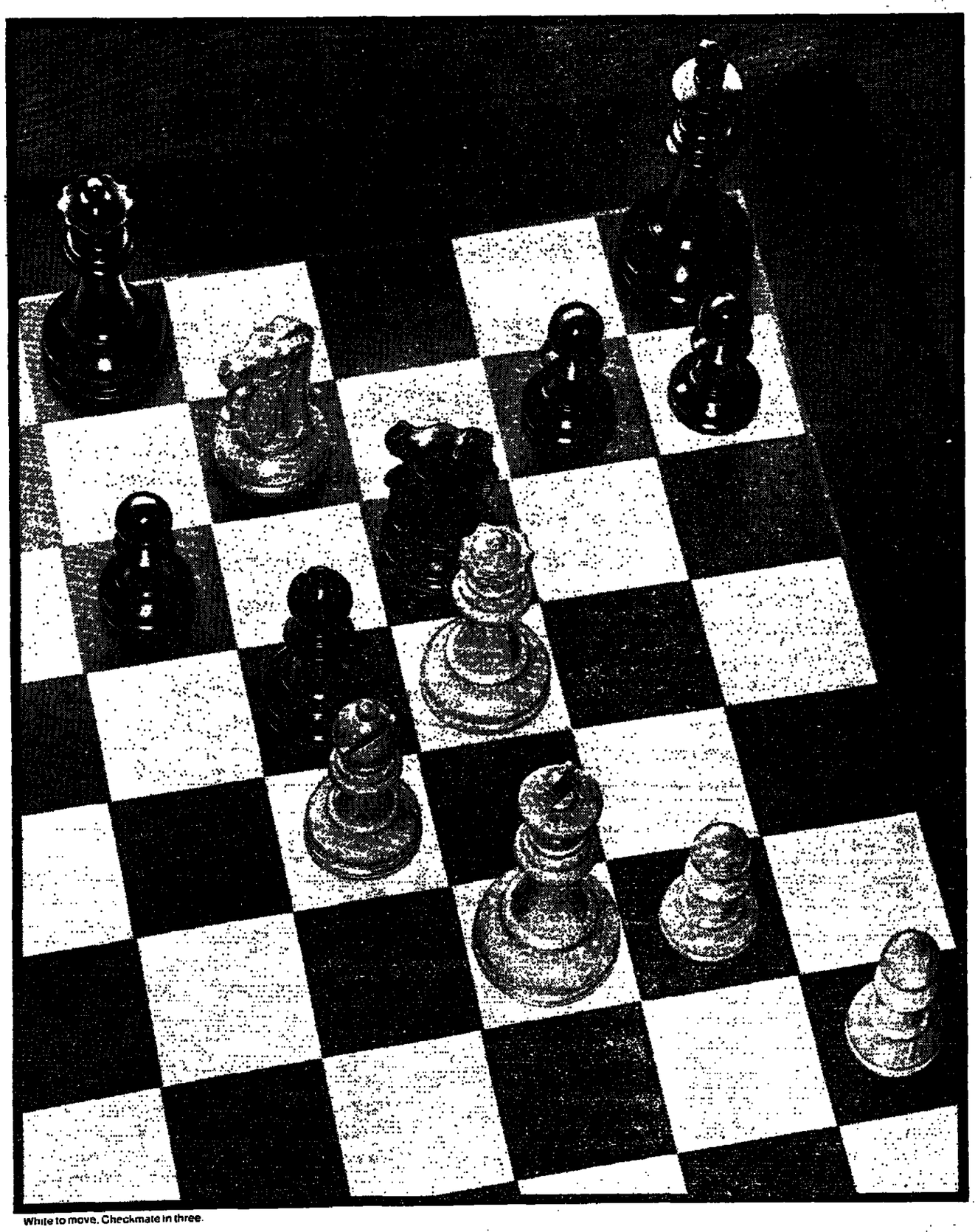

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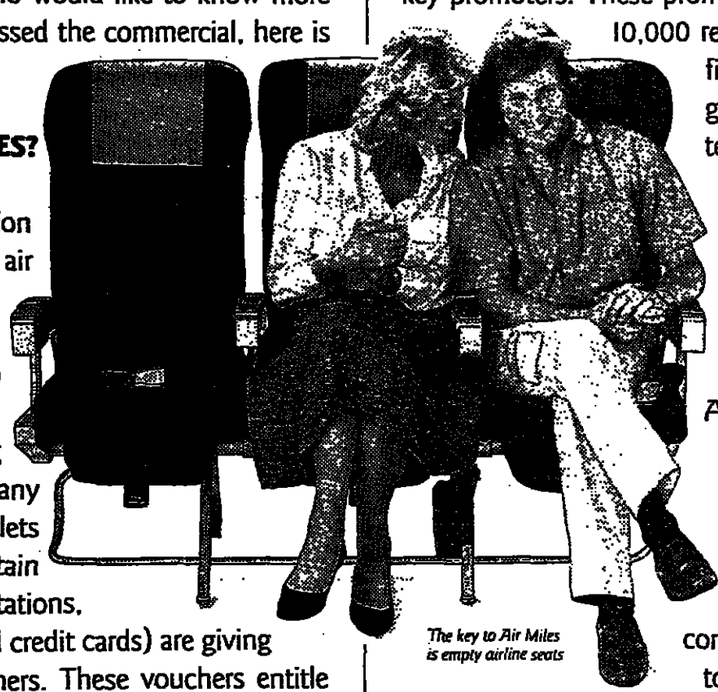

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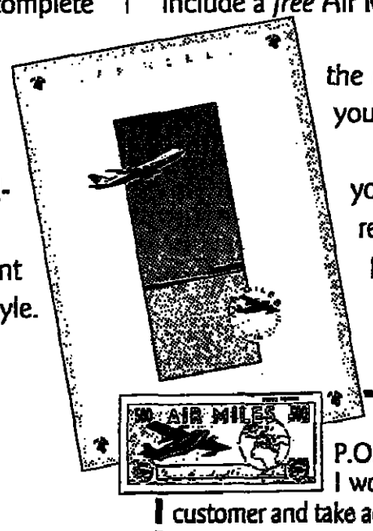

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Austere Red Square parade reflects Kremlin shake-up

Soviet paratroopers looking firmly towards the Lenin Mausoleum as President Gorbachov, flanked by the Moscow party chief, Mr Lev Zaikov, on his right and Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Prime Minister, take the salute in Red Square yesterday in the parade marking the 71st anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution.

Kremlin-watchers noted the positioning lower down the ceremonial hierarchy of Mr Igor Ligachov, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov's former number two, demoted from the key ideology portfolio five weeks ago to run agriculture because of his hardline views (A Correspondent writes from Moscow). Soviet television focused several times on the triumvirate of Mr Gorbachov, Mr Ryzhkov and Mr Zaikov, leaving out Mr Ligachov, though he is still officially Kremlin number three.

In keeping with Mr Gorbachov's calls to do away with the methods of the past, this year's parade was austere in style, with the usual display of massive military might toned down.

The new broom of *perestroika* even swept aside Marx and Engels, and only a larger-than-life portrait of Lenin was displayed in Red Square. Also absent were the slogans glorifying manual labour.

Western ambassadors attended the parade for the first time since a diplomatic boycott of the celebrations was introduced after the 1979 Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. The march past was also much shorter than usual and there was a marked absence of cliché slogans in displays by workers. No more signs reading "Glory to the worker", but banners reading "The output of machines which are on a par with world level went up in Moscow from 27 to 40.8 per cent in the past year" — which could hardly be described as inspirational.

Even Tass had to admit that things were different this year. "It is worth mentioning that this time the decoration of the marching columns is more restrained and modest, which is a manifestation of the revival of the revolutionary tradition of demonstrations," the news agency said. "That is why there are no general phrases on the streamers carried by demonstrators. They were replaced by specific information about the headway made during the years of *perestroika*," it added.

In his speech at the start of the parade, General Dmitri Yazov, the Defence Minister, reflected the change in attitude that made Revolution Day, 1988, different from others. Instead of the usual boast of a strong Soviet military machine, he spoke of a military "build-down" of the armed forces to a level of "reasonable sufficiency".

In government-organized parades in other parts of the Soviet Union, some anti-Soviet slogans appeared. In the Baltic republic of Estonia, according to one witness, nationalists infiltrated the parade carrying a banner which read, "Communism is the last stage of delirium". Nationalist slogans also were seen at parades in the Baltic republic of Latvia.

In Armenia, nationalists displayed slogans demanding the incorporation of Nagorno-Karabakh into Armenia from Azerbaijan, a reminder of the dispute which earlier this year erupted into the worst ethnic riots to hit the Soviet Union in its 71 years.

Tunisia to hold poll for leader in April

Tunis (Reuter) — Tunisia will hold presidential and parliamentary elections on April 9, President Zine ben Ali said yesterday. It will be the first presidential election since 1974.

Earlier in the day, the first anniversary of President Ben Ali's overthrow of Habib Bourguiba, leaders of Tunisia's six recognized political parties, trade unionists and the unrecognized Islamic Tendency Movement signed a national pact enshrining the principle of democracy.

The pact upholds the Arab and Islamic character of Tunisia and its respect for human rights.

Sihanouk deal

Fère-en-Tardenois, France — Talks on the future of Cambodia involving Prince Sihanouk, the former ruler, and the Phnom Penh regime but excluding the Khmer Rouge, have reached agreement on setting up a working group.

Fugitive held

Manila (AP) — Ignacio Capigsan, the third-ranking leader of the outlawed Communist Party of the Philippines, was arrested at Manila airport trying to board a flight to Los Angeles.

General shot

Chandigarh (AP) — Two Sikhs shot and killed Major General B.N. Kumar, a Hindu army officer, as he left his home here after five days of separatist violence in Punjab state in which 78 people have died.

Sultan protest

Lagos (Reuter) — Crowds demonstrated in northern Nigeria in opposition to the choice of Mr Ibrahim Dasuki, a millionaire, as the 18th Sultan of Sokoto, spiritual leader of millions of Muslims.

Space walk

Moscow (AFP) — A French astronaut, Jean-Loup Chrétien, will become the first Frenchman to make a space walk on December 12, with a Soviet cosmonaut.

Air stoppage

Rome (Reuter) — A strike by Italian radar operators is expected to stop domestic flights between noon and 3 pm every day for the next week.

Frelimo aid

Harare (AP) — Japan has signed a $4.5 million (£2.6 million) aid agreement with Mozambique to help millions fleeing war and famine.

Hanging goes

Lisbon (AP) — The west African former Portuguese colony of São Tomé e Principe is to abolish the death penalty, it was reported here.

Prison riot

Colombo — Ten prisoners were killed and 30 were injured when commandos stormed Welikade prison here to quell a riot.

First visit to the West

Sakharov plea for those still silent

Boston (Reuter) — Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet human rights campaigner, began his first visit to the United States yesterday by remembering dissidents who he said are still being silenced.

Dr Sakharov, aged 67, made clear when he arrived here that he had not stopped his criticism of the Soviet Union's treatment of dissidents. He "felt it is my duty at this moment to remember" the many others still being punished in the Soviet Union for their dissidence.

During the three-week visit, his first trip to the West, he will see relatives near here and attend a Washington conference for the International Fund for the Development and Survival of Humanity, a new private organization working on disarmament, environmental and human rights issues.

Two years after the end of his own internal exile in the closed city of Gorky, the nuclear physicist said he was grateful for the chance to travel to the United States.

Referring specifically to Mr Vazif Meilanov, who staged a one-man demonstration in his support in January 1980, he said: "Two years ago I became a free man. Today I became even freer, because I have been granted the right to travel around the world. Yet the man who in January 1980 staged a one-man demonstration on my behalf is not free."

Dr Sakharov, who until last month was banned from world travel on the ground that he had aquired top-secret information while working for the Soviet nuclear programme, arrived here on Sunday evening after a brief stopover in New York. His step-daughter, Tatiana Yankelevich, the daughter of Yelena Bonner, his wife and fellow human rights campaigner, was waiting for him.

In New York, he had said that the United States should work with the Soviet Union toward peace. "Together with our country it must do the best (it can) to make the world better without war."

Dr Sakharov will stay with the Yankelevich family until Saturday. He will have a routine check at Massachusetts General Hospital, where Mrs Bonner had heart surgery in 1985.

Dr Sakharov was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1975 for his championship of human rights. Five years later he was sent into internal exile in Gorky after speaking out on behalf of Soviet dissidents and political prisoners. Mr Mikhail Gorbachov ended his exile in 1986.

Dr Sakharov: "My duty to remember those punished."

China's top dissident laughs off his persecutors

From Catherine Sampson
Peking

For a man just told that his permission to go to America for an academic conference has been withdrawn, Mr Fang Lizhi, who is growing to accept the label of "China's Sakharov", seems in high spirits.

The authorities have told him the reason for their decision is that they are unhappy with some of what he said during a recent trip to Hong Kong and Australia.

But he is still entirely willing to go on record with statements reflecting the thinking of many Chinese — but on which few would like to be quoted.

Mr Fang was expelled in January, 1987, from the Communist Party and from his post as vice-president of the Chinese University of Science and Technology in Hefei, Anhui province, for "outspokenly advocating bourgeois liberalist ideas" and stirring up student unrest. He insists that he said nothing new in Hong Kong or in Australia.

He had, after all, committed the ultimate heresy of publicly dismissing Marxism as useless long before he made this latest visit. He feels the Chinese authorities were disturbed by the warmth of his reception in both countries. They are trying to keep a balance, he says, between being seen to be open and yet not wanting too much criticism to be voiced.

This balance is Mr Fang's safety net. As long as he is an internationally recognized spokesman for democracy, freedom and human rights, the Chinese Government will not dare to risk the opprobrium of Western media and governments by throwing him in prison, much as they might wish he would keep quiet.

Mr Fang says he would not stop speaking out if they threatened to take his job away — he was transferred to the Peking Observatory, where he continues with research — nor would he agree to go abroad on condition of not talking about politics. "It is my right to speak out," he says firmly.

Having dealt with his most recent vicissitude, he chats about the general situation in China, frequently erupting into gales of laughter as the more ridiculous features emerge in conversation. We sit in his rather larger-than-average Peking flat at the top of an ordinary, shabby high-rise block.

He feels that those who would like to speak out — most of them young — are watching what happens to him and, seeing that no disaster has befallen him, are starting gradually to emulate him. He agrees that no one else is making his voice heard from such a high position, but says there have been "improvements" in the last two years, and that people have been influenced by calls for democracy.

What is Mr Fang's definition of democracy? "The right to choose a government through non-violent means ... It will take at least a generation to achieve this. It is true that China has no experience of this, but if you look at other East Asian countries, like Taiwan for instance, they are moving slowly towards democracy."

Mr Fang maintains that he has no intention of setting up an opposition party. "If you set up a separate party now, you can only do it under the guidance of the Communist Party. That's nothing."

Moreover, what he calls "the infrastructure necessary" for opposition parties does not yet exist — an independent economic system is a precondition, as is a middle class. It will be 20 to 30 years before any independent opposition party can be organized, he estimates. But neither would he return to the fold of the Communist Party, even if invited.

Memory slip left 'virus' lurking in computer network

From John Markoff, New York

The weakness that allowed one of the most powerful computer networks in the United States to be jammed last week was among the most basic and common in any system: human forgetfulness.

Mr Eric Allman, the programmer who designed the network's electronic mail program, deliberately left a secret "back door" to allow himself easy access to any project on which he was working.

Once his job was complete, he simply forgot to close the "door". It remained open for several years — until Mr Robert Morris, a graduate computer student at Cornell University, discovered it and used it to let loose the "virus" program that last week paralysed more than 6,000 computers across the country.

This has been revealed by experts seeking to unravel the events that led to what is being called the worst virus attack in American computer history.

More details also emerged about the virus program, a set of instructions that mimics a biological virus, and about Mr Morris, who was was not available for comment.

For example, friends of his, including Mr Paul Graham, a graduate student of computer science at Harvard University, say that the program was first disseminated from a computer at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's artificial intelligence laboratory while Mr Morris, using remote control, sat at his computer at Cornell in Ithaca, New York.

"It's as if Mathias Rust had not just flown into Red Square, but built himself a stealth bomber by hand and then flew into Red Square," Mr Graham said.

He added that the virus program had a mechanism to conceal its point of origin. All copies it made of itself were to identify their locations to a computer at the University of California at Berkeley, where the Unix operating system involved was developed, which would imply that this was where it originated.

Mr Morris left for dinner immediately after infecting the network, intending to go to bed afterwards, friends said. He could not, however, resist returning to his computer to discover the progress of his program, meant to live secretly in the Arpanet, a Defence Department computer network.

Friends said he was horrified to find that, because of a design error, the virus had reproduced itself so widely that it had already overloaded the network, and he himself had trouble gaining access.

He then telephoned another friend, at Harvard's Aiken Laboratory, and asked him to send out an alert over the Arpanet along with instructions on how to disable the virus. This was done, but the system was so overloaded that few computer sites received it.

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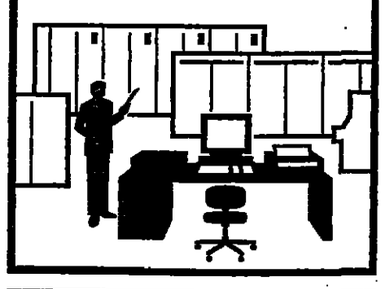

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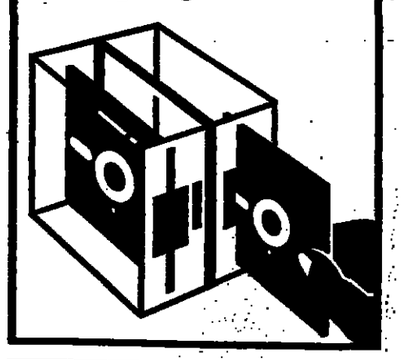

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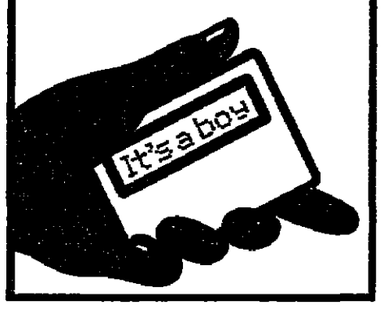

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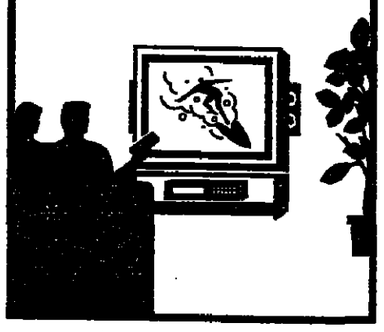

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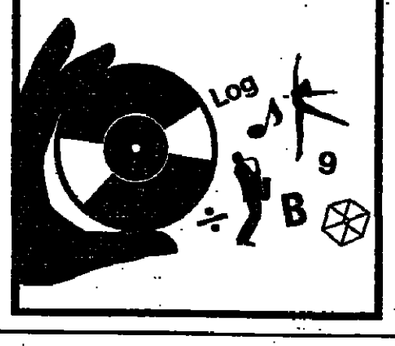

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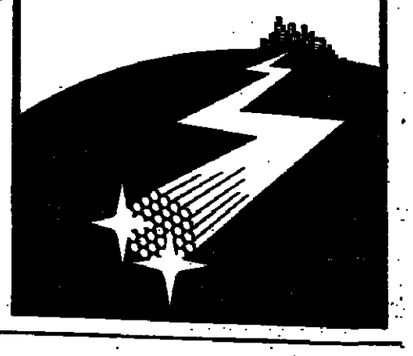

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US ELECTION

Dukakis goes all-out to the finishing line

From Charles Bremner, San Francisco

Fighting doggedly to the end, Governor Michael Dukakis yesterday shrugged off the bad news from the opinion polls and criss-crossed the continent in a frenetic effort to win over the undecided.

"We're heading for victory, I can sense it," he told the crowds, with only a hint of wistfulness, in Cleveland and St Louis. Then it was a flight back to the West coast for a final bout of campaigning in California, where he has already staged 75 campaign events over the past year.

As he travelled the Golden State with his do-or-die appeals he was stalked by President Reagan, who has turned the final stretch into a joyous farewell to politics, a "Last Hurrah" as he put it.

Mr Dukakis spent the day insisting that an upset was in the wind. "He wants to have his campaign remembered at least as one that fought to the finish," a senior aide said as the governor's team arranged an unprecedented final burst of speechmaking that was to take him through the night from Los Angeles to Detroit via Iowa.

Since Saturday night Mr Dukakis will have flown four times coast-to-coast, sleeping only on his aircraft. "You don't need to sleep any more." Mr Kirk O'Donnell, a senior Dukakis strategist, told the 180 journalists, who have failed to match the governor's surge of adrenalin.

For everyone following him it has been the irony of Mr Dukakis's 19-month marathon that he began to deliver the energy and confidence of a true political performer only three weeks ago when the polls showed Mr George Bush running beyond his reach.

From local activists in California to senior Democrats in Congress, the reaction has been the same — why on earth did he not do it sooner? There is also widespread anger in the party, which will probably burst into recrimination if he loses, over how he allowed himself, when the signs pointed to a mood for change in the country, to be overcome by one of the most inept and unqualified Republican candidates for years.

Television election coverage begins at 11.40pm tonight with BBC2's *Decision 88*, which runs until approximately 3am. ITV's *The 88 Vote* runs from 11.35pm to 2.10am after which there will be updates at 2.30, 3.00, 3.30 and 4.00 and a 15-minute round-up at 4.45. The next coverage will be on the two breakfast shows.

At least in public, however, senior Democrats are blaming Mr Bush for having turned the presidential race into a bitter and superficial bout of mud-slinging that has alienated the electorate and damaged the political process.

Governor Mario Cuomo of New York, seen by many as the party's most "presidential" figure, came to Mr Dukakis's defence on Sunday, saying he had led an honourable and decent campaign. "George Bush decided he was better off hiding himself and his record from the American people," he said. "He did it effectively with a campaign of distortions, evasion and lies."

Mr Bush, who has been thrown on to the defensive under the Dukakis onslaught of the past two weeks, said in Los Angeles yesterday that he was "sick and tired of my opponent whining about the rough and tumble of this campaign".

Mr Dukakis spent much of the day focusing his attacks on Mr Dan Quayle, Mr Bush's running-mate, who has been kept far out of sight by the Republican campaign so as to limit the "drag" that his unpopularity has inflicted on the ticket.

Mr Dukakis provoked jeers and boos from the enthusiastic crowd when he invoked the image of Mr Quayle running the White House in time of foreign emergency — a post Mr Bush has said he plans to give him. "Dan Quayle as a crisis manager? He's a crisis that needs to be managed," Mr Dukakis said.

Both candidates were to broadcast half-hour commercials last night on prime-time television. Each spent millions buying simultaneous slots on all networks so that viewers would be sure of catching their last-minute appeals. The centrepiece of the Bush broadcast was to be a film made in the soft-focus, slow-motion vocabulary of the American television commercial.

The Dukakis broadcast was, characteristically, to focus on issues. Much of it was a series of extracts from the "town meetings", the events the governor has staged across the country to answer citizens' questions.

Mr Herman Stangl, of Northampton, Pennsylvania, asks him in one scene: "Hey, Mike, what are you going to do for me when I retire?" Mr Dukakis replies: "Herman, we're going to make sure that the social security system in this country is strong and solvent, and that you and people like you can depend on that social security cheque."

The contrast between the broadcasts is a measure of the gulf in the television techniques of two campaigns in this most television-driven election in history. Most experts are pinning Mr Bush's success on the way his strategists crafted their television campaign from three or four simple emotional images — the Dukakis record on crime, gun control, and pollution — and stuck to them relentlessly.

In a verdict on the electronic selling of the President, the *Los Angeles Times* said: "There is a sense that something is amiss, that the system has got out of hand and that no one is satisfied with the politics of the television era."

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Mr Michael Dukakis is hugged by his wife, Kitty, at a campaign rally in Portland, Oregon.

TV to defy politicians in race to give result

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

Despite the concerns of politicians, the larger American television networks plan to report today's election result as soon as possible.

The four biggest networks — ABC, CBS, NBC and CNN — plan to report exit poll computer projections from each state as soon as voting is completed in that state.

They will then announce the name of the new President as soon as either Vice-President George Bush or Governor Michael Dukakis has carried enough states to give him the 270 Electoral College votes needed for success.

Because of the three-hour time difference between the West and East coasts the winner may be forecast by the TV stations, based on eastern exit polls, while voting is still going on in California, Washington state, Oregon and Nevada.

The possibility upsets some Congress members, who fear that it will either inhibit the turnout in the West or produce a "bandwagon" effect, perhaps unfairly reinforcing the lead of the candidate doing best in the East.

Both Mr Bush and Mr Dukakis have made clear that they will not claim victory or concede defeat until after the polls in the West have closed.

Democrat champion almost counted out by latest polls

By Robert Worcester

The political pressure is on in the final lap of the presidential race as the once-massive Bush lead narrows according to six opinion polls — from Gallup, Harris, NBC/*Wall Street Journal*, CBS/*The New York Times*, ABC/*The Washington Post*, and Gordon Black for *USA Today* and Cable News Network — published in the past 24 hours.

During recent weeks, since the second television debate, the Bush lead has seemed immovable at 56 per cent to 44 percent, which meant the Dukakis campaign has had to convince seven people in a hundred to switch their votes.

Now it seems that a few have been convinced. As the graph shows, there has been a swing, but it is a long way from what Dukakis needs, since only one or two in a hundred have switched. Much has been said and written about how the undecideds will split, but the truth is that for the most part "don't knows" don't vote.

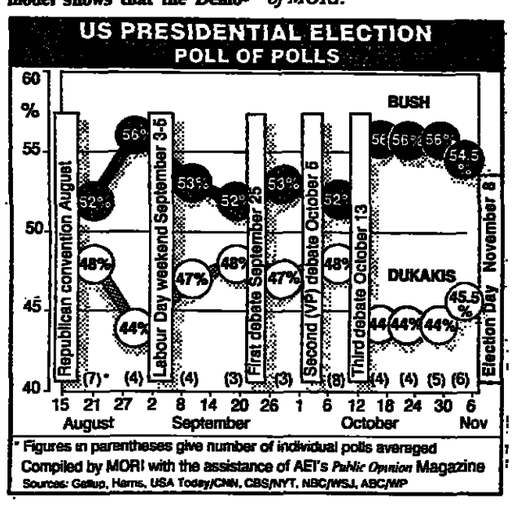
"Echo polls" carried out for *The New York Times* and CBS News have shown in each presidential election since 1976 that from 15 to 25 percent of voters switch their voting intentions, decide not to vote or move from undecided to a decision in the last week of the campaign. This is established by interviewing a group of voters a few days before election day and then seeing them a few days after the election to see if they did as they said they would.

What these studies have shown is that, although there is a lot of moving around, most changes of mind cancelled each other out. In each case, the candidate ahead before polling day ended up winning.

In the Electoral College, the MORI computer projection model shows that the Democratic candidate can count on only some 20 electoral votes for certain, as things now stand, with another 68 votes leaning in his direction.

The most recent computer projection, from polls carried out towards the end of last week, would give Vice-President George Bush 231 rock solid votes, 39 short of the 270 needed to win, and there are 219 more votes from states leaning towards him.

Robert Worcester is chairman of MORI.



Rough ride for Republicans in Congress

From Michael Binyon
Washington

Whatever the fate of Governor Michael Dukakis in today's polls, the Democrats are confidently expecting they will retain their hold on both houses of Congress, possibly with an increased majority in the Senate.

Opinion polls have shown that, unlike 1980 when President Reagan swept into office and brought a clutch of new Republican senators to Washington on his coat-tails, Vice-President George Bush has almost no influence at state and local level.

Indeed, many voters who say they will support the Republican candidate for the White House also say they will back Democratic candidates for senator, congressman or governor. One recent poll found that by a margin of 22 per cent, voters wanted different parties controlling the executive and legislative branches of government.

With little if any big upsets expected in the House races, the main changes will come in the Senate, where a third of the members — 34 senators — are up for re-election. At present Democrats hold a 54-46 majority, and it is likely they will gain one or two more seats.

Fifteen of the seats being contested are held by Democrats, 12 by Republicans and six are "open" as the incumbent is retiring. All but two of the Democrats are considered relatively safe, the exceptions being Senator John Melcher in Montana and Senator Frank Lautenberg in New Jersey. Among the Republicans, Senator David Karnes of Nebraska is trailing badly in the polls and is likely to be defeated by the popular Democratic former governor, Mr Robert Kerrey. Two others, Senators Chic Hecht of Nevada and Lowell Weicker of Connecticut, are locked in a dead-heat struggle.

Of the open seats, three are currently held by each party. The Democrats seem certain of at least one gain in Virginia. The popular former governor, Mr Charles Robb, son-in-law of President Johnson, is overwhelmingly the favourite to beat Mr Maurice Dawkins and pick up the seat held by retiring Senator Paul Tribble. But in Mississippi the Democrats will probably lose the seat held by the 87-year-old Senator John Stennis for 42 years. The Republican challenger, Congressman Trent Lott, is a polished and sophisticated performer, while his opponent, Mr Wayne Dowdy, is a rumpled provincial figure.

Vice-President Bush has almost no influence at state and local level

The Democrats will probably hold on to Wisconsin, where the familiar figure of Senator William Proxmire is retiring after 32 years. But the race in two other open seats — Washington state, currently Republican, and Florida, Democratic — is too close to call.

Although Governor Dukakis has had little time to help fellow-Democrats, the late surge of support for him should bring many more Democrats to the polling booths, especially blacks who hold the key to several races. Republicans are banking on the strong support Mr Bush has given to senators contesting seats in states where he has made repeated visits — especially in New Jersey and in California.

General Pete Dawkins, the Republican fighting in New Jersey, has seen an early strong lead slip away, however, through a mismanaged campaign and poor television advertising. In California Senator Pete Wilson, backed by the strong support of the popular Governor George Deukmejian, looks as though he will fight off a strong Democratic challenge.

Two other states will be watched with interest because of the presidential race: Texas and Indiana. Senator Lloyd Bentsen, the Democratic vice-presidential contender, is certain to be returned in Texas. If the Democrats win the presidency, he will have to resign his seat and another man will be appointed. But this looks unlikely. In Indiana, Senator Dan Quayle is not up for re-election this year. But already there is talk of his wife, Marilyn, taking over his seat if he moves to Washington.

This campaign has shown the potent force of incumbency in raising money and fighting off challengers. Senator Hecht of Nevada, dismissed by most analysts and opinion polls as a political lightweight, has fought back to draw even with his Democratic challenger, mainly because he has been able to raise more money. In the House of Representatives, where all 435 seats are up for re-election, nine out of 10 members are likely to be returned because they have had bigger war-chests than their challengers.

Twelve key contests are also taking place among the nation's governors. The Democrats have a good chance of recapturing the state house in Rhode Island, Indiana, Utah and West Virginia. The races at local level have grown closer and nastier as the election approached. Allegations of racism hang over Indiana's campaign; in Rhode Island, the hiring of a reputed mobster's ex-wife for a state job has become an issue.

Democrats hold 27 of the 50 governorships. Nine incumbents — six Republicans and three Democrats — will be on the ballot. In Indiana, the retiring Republican, Mr Robert Orr, is barred by law from running for a third term; and in Montana the Democratic Governor Ted Schwinden is retiring, as is Governor John Sununu, the New Hampshire Republican who played a key role in Mr Bush's primary victory there.

The local races have grown closer and nastier as the election neared

In West Virginia, an economically depressed state where Democrats have long been powerful, Governor Arch Moore, a Republican, seems headed for defeat as he runs for an unprecedented fourth term. His opponent, an insurance executive and political novice, spent a record $2.1 million on the primary alone.

In Indiana, Mr Evan Bayh, the 32-year-old son of a former Democratic senator, looks set to beat Lieutenant-Governor John Mutz, becoming the first Democratic governor of this Republican bastion since 1964.

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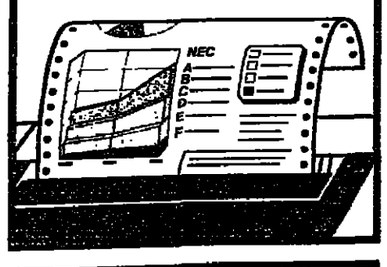

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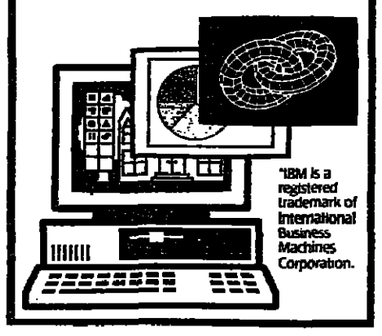

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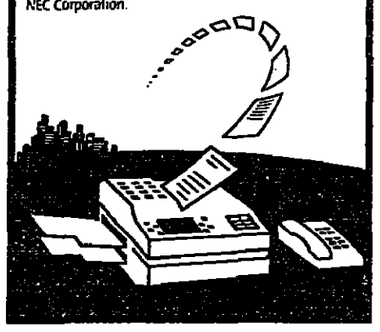

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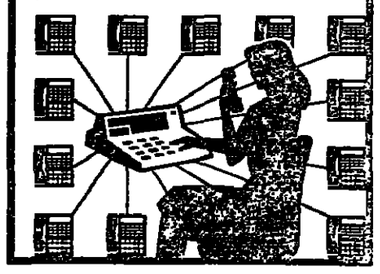

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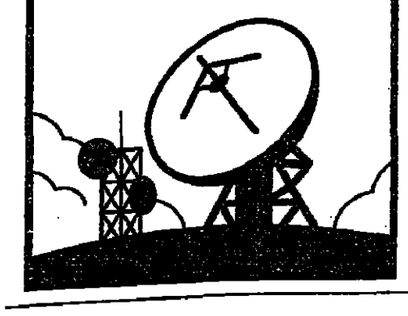

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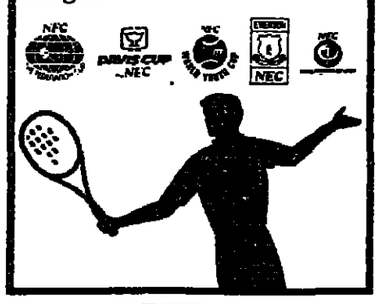

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BROADCASTING WHITE PAPER

Satellites offer wider choice for viewers and listeners

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

The Government's radical reform of the framework of broadcasting will lead to significant changes for viewers and listeners in the years to the end of the century.

The main gains are viewers will have increased choice, with a new fifth channel operating nationally, and the present independent television system will be replaced by a regionally-based Channel 3 with greater freedom to match programming to market conditions.

One body will provide news programmes for Channel 3 and the Government is considering options for the future constitution of Channel 4 on the basis that its distinctive features are preserved and its advertising sold separately from that on Channel 4.

A new flexible regime will be set up to develop multi-channel local services through both cable and microwave transmission — giving greater choice to the viewers.

The UK's two remaining Direct Broadcasting by Satellite frequencies will be advertised by the Independent Broadcasting Authority next year. Viewers will be able to receive other satellite services directly, including those from the proposed medium-powered Astra and Eutelsat 2 satellites.

All television services, including those of the BBC, are to be given freedom to raise finance through subscription and sponsorship. All services — except the BBC — will be free to carry advertising.

The Independent Television Commission (ITC) will be established in place of the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

A Cable Authority will be set up to license and supervise all parts of the commercial television sector. Operating with a lighter touch than the IBA, it will have tough sanctions.

The BBC continues as the cornerstone of public sector broadcasting. The Government hopes for the eventual replacement of the licence fee but expects it to continue for some time.

The night hours of one of the BBC channels will be given to the ITC. The BBC will keep the other set of night hours on the basis that it uses it for developing subscription services. Programme-making by independent producers is expected to grow.

The Government will proceed with proposals to deregulate and expand independent radio, regulated by a new Radio Authority.

All UK television and radio services will be subject to consumer protection obligations on matters such as taste and balance.

The Broadcasting Standards Council, under Lord Rees-Mogg, will be put on a statutory footing. Broadcasting's exemption from present obscenity legislation is to be removed.

Transmission arrangements will be reformed to allow greater private sector involvement.

Lighter regime governs radio

There will be scope for at least three new national commercial services operating alongside the BBC.

A new VHF frequency will be available for one of those services and the BBC's present Radio 1 and Radio 3 MF frequencies will be reassigned for the other two. The BBC will retain sufficient frequencies to broadcast its national services. The new national services and the independent local services will be subject to a lighter regulatory regime.

These services will not be required to comprise education, information and entertainment.

At the local level, licensing criteria will include financial viability, local audience demands and the extent to which the proposed services would enhance the range of programming and diversity of listener choice.

National services will be expected to provide a service appealing to a variety of tastes and interests and the proposed competitive tender and procedure for national services will be subject to this test.

They will have to keep their promises of performance in order to retain licences.

Ownership

In the interests of competition, no group will be able to control more than one national service and more than six local services.

There will be a 20 per cent limit on radio interests in newspapers and vice versa.

These limits will be set in subordinate legislation.

A new radio authority will assign frequencies, issue licenses and supervise the performance of all independent stations.

Advertising and sponsorship will be more flexibly supervised but stations will not generally be able to receive public authority funding.

Any satellite radio services by direct reception will be regulated by the Radio Authority.

Transmission

On the UHF network, the Government intends to see the maintenance of high technical standards while moving the UHF transmission system into the private sector.

The Government considers the best arrangement for the future will be a regionally-based, privatized transmission system.

Until such a system is in place the BBC will continue to have responsibility for transmitting its television and radio services.

The Government hopes the BBC will test the market for the operation of its own transmission system by commercial contractors.

The ITC will have a supervisory role on the transmission of independent television services.

Programme production

The Government has set the BBC and ITV companies the target of commissioning 25 per cent of original material from independent producers as quickly as possible.

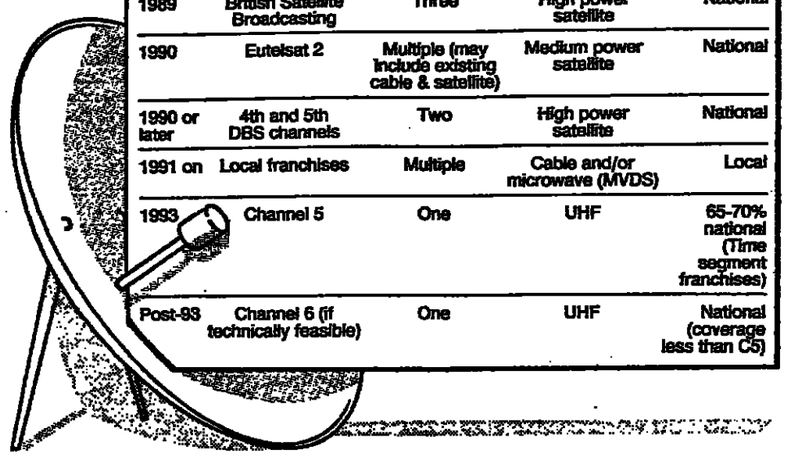
New TV channels given the green light

The Government wants to move from a highly-regulated television duopoly towards a more competitive future for the benefit of the viewer. It must be achieved without detriment to the variety, range and quality of programme services without debasing the content of programmes.

New programme services will offer additional outlets for TV advertising, business opportunities, wider trial of subscription viewing and greater opportunities for the programme production sector.

The government's aim is the creation of a flexible framework allowing entrepreneurs and viewers, with the minimum regulation, to decide in the marketplace which technology should play the most significant role.

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, launching the White Paper yesterday.



THE NEW TELEVISION SERVICES				
Year	Channel	Number of channels	Transmission system	Coverage
1989	Astra	Multiple (may include existing cable & satellite)	Medium power satellite	National
1989	British Satellite Broadcasting	Three	High power satellite	National
1990	Eutelsat 2	Multiple (may include existing cable & satellite)	Medium power satellite	National
1990 or later	4th and 5th DBS channels	Two	High power satellite	National
1991 on	Local franchises	Multiple	Cable and/or microwave (MVDS)	Local
1993	Channel 5	One	UHF	65-70% national (Time segment franchises)
Post-93	Channel 6 (if technically feasible)	One	UHF	National (coverage less than C5)

ITV Commission

Overseeing all independent television services will be the Independent Television Commission.

It will apply lighter, more objective programme requirements than the Independent Broadcasting Authority does at present, and the way the commission enforces them can be tested in the courts.

The ITC will decide the geographical structure of Channel 3 and the hours to be covered by licences for independent channels.

It will deal on a similar basis with any new programme services subsequently introduced and also with new services using night hours.

It will provide for Channel 4, whether as its own subsidiary or as a licensee; allocate by competitive tendering any future direct broadcasting by satellite licences; supervise such programme services and license satellite programme services linked from the UK.

It will determine, subject to the statutory framework, the nature and pattern of franchises for local television programme services; supervise transmission arrangements for independent services to ensure conformity with international obligations; and collect tender and levy revenue for the Exchequer.

It will settle with the Welsh Fourth Channel Authority the subscription to be levied from operators of off-air terrestrial services to fund the channel in Wales; have oversee advertising and programme content; and issue a code governing advertising and sponsorship.

It will have a duty to plan adequate provision of educational broadcasts by the independent sector. It will ensure that there is at least one body equipped and financed to provide news on Channel 3, and will have sanctions ranging from warnings to licence withdrawal.

The commission will be financed from licence fees and will be responsible for collecting from its licensees finance for the functions presently carried out by the Broadcasting Complaints Commission.

Channel 3

With the UK moving towards a more competitive multi-channel broadcasting channel, the Government believes the existing regime for independent television will be increasingly hard to sustain. Many of the present requirements were laid down by Parliament because of the absence of competing systems, but with greater choice there is no longer the same need for quality of service to be prescribed by legislation.

"When there are 10 or more channels within the reach of the average viewer, he and she can increasingly sort this out for themselves", the White Paper says.

The development of payment by subscription, drawing on a new source of funding, should ensure sufficient variety of choice.

Channel 3, which the Government expects to come into effect on January 1 1993, when the present independent television contracts come to an end, will be regionally based.

There will be no relaxation of the requirements not to show material inherently unacceptable and it will have to deliver good quality, impartial and accurate news. Nothing should be included in programmes offending against taste or decency.

Requirements

As a statutory requirement, each Channel 3 station must show regional grammes; high-quality news and current affairs programmes dealing with national and international matters; and include news coverage in main viewing periods.

Each must provide a diverse programme service to appeal to a variety of tastes and interests; ensure a minimum of 25 per cent of original programming is from independent producers; and ensure that a proper proportion of programmes originates from the EEC.

The White Paper says the requirements will help to enlarge viewer choice while making crucial the regional bases of Channel 3.

It adds that the requirement concerning news will do much to ensure that the public does not lack opportunities to keep itself informed.

However, the Government believes it is necessary to go further in the case of Channel 3 to ensure adequate competition for the BBC and to guarantee the continued availability of a high-quality news service of the kind that ITN has provided.

The Government will impose a duty on the ITC to ensure that at least one body is effectively equipped and financed to provide news on Channel 3.

Licensees will be required to finance the organization. The supply of news to Channel 3 will be governed by a service contract including a profit element. No external investor should hold more than five per cent of the shares.

The Government proposes separate night licences for Channel 3 to create more opportunities for entry into the broadcasting market. The ITC will decide on additional licences covering other times of the day, for example, a breakfast service.

Licences

The Government is proposing a two-stage procedure in which applicants will initially have to pass a quality threshold for programming requirements and ownership qualifications.

All applicants passing the initial test will move on to a second stage, in which they will tender for licences.

The ITC will be required to award licences to the highest bidder. Each licensee will also be required to pay levy in the form of a percentage of advertising revenue at progressive rates, the initial level of which will be prescribed when licenses are advertised. That will replace the present independent television levy.

The ITC will be able to remove licences if a franchise-holder fails to meet requirements. Franchises will be valid for 10 years.

The ITC will not have, or need, the IBA's present power to block take-overs. Those buying into companies will have to satisfy programming tests and ownership rules.

Channels 5 and 6

A fifth terrestrial channel will operate from 1993, with different companies providing services at different times of the day.

Channel 5 operators will be free to determine their own mix between advertising and subscription. The Government believes that Channel 5 licences should be national in scope.

Licensees will be required to include accurate and high-quality news and current affairs programmes at suitable times in their schedules.

The new service will make use of channels 35 and 37, which can be received by existing TV receivers, although most viewers will need a new aerial.

In the longer term, a sixth channel could be created covering up to 50 per cent of the population.

Channel 4

The programming remit of Channel 4 must be fully sustained to reinforce the quality, range and diversity of programming by the independent sector.

By this means, the independent sector will continue to cater for minority interests and provide educational programming in a broad sense.

"The Government does not accept that in future only the BBC need concern itself with the range and quality of programmes traditionally associated with public service broadcasting", the White Paper says.

Channel 4 will be required to cater for interests not served or under-represented by other parts of the independent television sector and will be expected to encourage innovation and devote a proportion of its air-time to educational and high-quality news and current affairs programmes.

It will be expected to operate on the basis of commissioning much of its programming from the independent production sector. The Government believes Channel 4's special role is best fulfilled by an independent organization subject to the ITC, but without direct financial or structural links to the Channel 3 licences. Advertising will be sold separately.

The White Paper lists a number of models for the future, including a fourth channel provided by a private sector company, Channel 4 remaining as a non-profit-making body or a link between Channels 4 and 5.

Satellites

British Satellite Broadcasting will start its three high-powered direct broadcasting satellite channels in 1989. Two further channels are expected to start in 1990. Three channels will be national, one will introduce subscription and BSB plans a substantial commitment to original programming.

The UK's fourth and fifth DBS channels will be advertised next January, with the hope that franchises will be awarded by June for the services to begin in mid-1990. Viewers will be able to receive five high-quality DBS channels by mid-1990.

Local services

Local franchise operators will be able to transmit services either by cable or microwave or both. Generally, services will have to be retailed by different operators to ensure local competition.

Franchises will be awarded by the ITC, by competitive tender, for 15-year periods.

Financing

The Government will allow all independent sector television operators to finance themselves by advertising or subscription, or a mixture of both.

The ITC will draw up and enforce a code on advertising and sponsorship. The Government favours liberalizing restrictions on sponsorship.

Ownership

The Government is determined that ownership of the independent sector will remain widely spread. Existing controls on take-overs will be removed, with the underlying thrust that regulation by the ITC should bite on performance rather than through an extensive set of disqualifications.

In the case of licences for Channels 3, 4 and 5: no group may control or have an interest in more than two licences; no group may control or have an interest in more than one licence covering the same area; and no group holding a licence with cross-regional coverage may hold or have an interest in any other licence.

The Government is considering what further rules may be needed to restrict concentration of ownership.

WHAT INDEPENDENT TV AND RADIO MUST PROVIDE

	Television						Radio	
	Ch. 3 (ITV)	Ch 4	Chs. 5,6	Future DBS	Other Satellite	Local TV	National	Local
Consumer protection (Taste, decency etc)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
High quality news and current affairs	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Diverse programming	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No
Increase diversity of listener choice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Yes
Regional programmes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Educational programmes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
At least 25% from independent producers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	-	-
Proper proportion of programmes produced in UK or rest of EEC	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	-	-

BBC1, BBC2 and BBC radio remain subject to public service obligations
Channel 4 must continue to provide innovative and minority interest programmes

Agreement on sponsorship and the BBC

The BBC has a special role and it will be expected to provide high-quality programming across the full range of public tastes and interests.

It should provide programmes of popular appeal and programmes for minority interests, with education, information and cultural material as well as entertainment.

The Government agrees with the Home Affairs committee that the BBC "is still, and will remain for the foreseeable future, the cornerstone of British broadcasting".

But the White Paper adds that this does not mean that the BBC has to involve itself in every aspect of broadcasting or that it should be insulated from change.

Sponsorship

The Government has reached agreement with the BBC on less restrictive arrangements for broadcasting sponsored events

It is premature to express a view on the suggestion that in the longer term a Public Service Broadcasting Council should be responsible for commissioning public service programmes.

The licence fee and subscription

As new television services develop, the system of financing the BBC television and radio services by a compulsory licence fee will become harder to sustain.

The White Paper says there should be a greater role for subscription. It adds: "The Government looks forward to the eventual replacement of the licensing fee. The Government intends to encourage the progressive introduction of subscription on the BBC's television services."

The Government is to authorize the BBC to raise money through subscription. To provide a financial incentive after 1991 the Government intends to agree licence fee increases of less than the Retail Price Index.

The Government is to remove the night hours from one of the BBC's channels and assign them to the ITC. The BBC will be allowed to retain the night hours of its other channel, but on the basis that it uses them as fully as possible for developing subscription services.

Ministers hope the industry will develop compatible subscription systems and has no plans to subscribe minimum standards itself.

Programme standards

The exemption of broadcasting from the Obscene Publications Act 1959 will be discontinued. The White Paper says: "There is no justification for not applying the obscenity law to broadcast programmes, particularly since it applies to cable

"The Government envisages that prosecutions for any offences will require the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

"It will be a defence for a person to show that he or she did not know and had no reason to suspect that the broadcast would render him or her liable to being convicted. It will also be a defence to prove that the broadcast was justified as being for the public good."

The Broadcasting Standards Council

The council will be given statutory authority to reinforce standards relating to the screening of violence and sex. During the pre-statutory phase the council's role is to draw up a code on the portrayal of such matters and standards of taste and decency; monitor and report on the portrayal of violence and sex in TV and radio programmes received in the UK; consider and make findings on complaints and comments; research the nature and effects on attitudes and behaviour on the betrayal of violence and sex and prepare an annual report.

The Government is considering combining the council with the Broadcasting Complaints Commission.

Villagers mourn the passing of Radio Tedburn

By Robin Young

On the day that the Government published the White Paper on broadcasting deregulation, Robin Parker became the first broadcasting pirate to be convicted for putting out a repeat of *Playschool*.

Parker, an unemployed bachelor who saved £10 a week to spend on broadcasting equipment, started his own television and radio stations to improve reception for his neighbours, the 900 inhabitants of Tedburn St Mary, near Exeter, Devon.

He videotaped BBC and independent television programmes and rebroadcast them for the benefit of his fellow villagers. He also supplied his own local weather forecasts.

Yesterday at Wonford magistrates court, Devon Parker admitted three charges of installing illegal transmitters and three of using them.

Mr Gareth Owens, for the prosecution, said reports of pirate transmissions interfering with other channels for three miles around Tedburn started coming in last year and Parker was ordered to stop. He carried on broadcasting, and in March officials from London and Bristol went to Tedburn and monitored the transmissions on several frequencies. They found Parker putting out a repeat of *Playschool* for lunchtime viewers, while also relaying two radio channels and acting as disc jockey on Radio Tedburn, his own pop station.

They seized equipment from almost every room in the house, but despite an assurance that he would stay off the air, Parker bought more and was broadcasting again within a week. Radio and TV Tedburn was finally shut down in June, halfway through an old film.

Mr Owens said: "He was asked how he started and answered: 'This is a very low signal area and I thought I would give the public a service. I had no intention of causing interference'."

Rev David Werner, rector of Tedburn St Mary, spoke for Parker on behalf of the village.

He said: "Everybody knew about Radio Tedburn and thought it was fun. It didn't seem to worry anybody. The only objection I heard was from the community policeman."

He added that Tedburn suffered from poor reception which forced most people to have special aerials and signal amplifiers for their televisions.

The magistrates gave Parker a conditional discharge, but ordered him to pay £300 costs and to forfeit his equipment. After the case he said: "I have now taken up CB radio instead."

Watchdog body under fire

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

The Broadcasting Standards Council, the television watchdog body chaired by Lord Rees-Mogg, came under fire yesterday from the British Film Institute, which said it should confine itself to "retrospective comment".

The institute, established by Royal Charter in 1933 to promote film and television, insisted there was no need to introduce a statutory code for broadcasting.

Mr Wilf Stevenson, the new director of the institute, insisted the "fine achievements" of the IBAuthority and the BBC should not be discarded.

Existing guidelines for the industry were based on years of experience "of balancing professional editorial judgement and the needs of a diversity of audiences".

The institute believed the standards council should not have any power to preview material, and "any code it produces should be advisory and not mandatory".

In evidence to Lord Rees-Mogg, the film institute insisted guidelines were preferable to codes because they enabled programme makers to "think about what is appropriate, rather than what can be 'got through' the code".

It also called on the standards body to stress the role of individuals, especially parents and teachers, in the responsible use of television.

"The broadcasters cannot be the only ones to be held responsible: individuals exercise choice and taste."

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PARLIAMENT

Lawson says pensions briefing misunderstood

The Chancellor of the Exchequer ran into a storm of protest from Labour MPs when he outlined his intentions for helping poorer pensioners.

Mr Nigel Lawson, forced to make a statement in reponse to a private notice question, repeated that it remained government policy to uprate retirement pensions in line with inflation, while seeking to target more help to the less well off.

He said that his briefing for journalists on Friday had been misunderstood and that the reporters attending it had contrived a story between them.

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, asked the Chancellor for a statement on his intention to introduce further means-tested benefits for pensioners.

Mr Lawson: "I have no such intention, except in one respect. I have been discussing with the Secretary of State for Social Security (Mr John Moore) a scheme to give special help to poorer pensioners (loud Labour laughter). That would be over and above the existing level of benefits (Conservative cheers). We will announce the outcome of this consideration in due course."

Mr Kinnock: "His briefing on Friday and his statement that only a small minority of pensioners have difficulty in making ends meet produced widespread concern among pensioners and the general public."

Did he not recognize that the people in difficulty, far from being a small minority, is enormous? On government figures three million are on or below income support level and a further three million are just above that low level. Will he accept, once and for all, that pensions are not an act of charity to an older generation, but a right that retired people have earned in a lifetime of work?

"Since the Chancellor is such an advocate of targeting, will he acknowledge that such a policy inevitably brings a means-tested system which includes the creation of a wider poverty trap. Will he tell us why, when he targets any advantages to the best-off he is unerringly accurate, but when it is the poor, he always misses so many who are in genuine need.

"Had the public not been misled on so many occasions — over Serps, child benefit and housing benefit — it might be more possible to believe what the Chancellor has been saying in denying his own words.

"Will he confirm that the Government will not now or at any other time means-test or reduce national insurance pensions and will he pledge that the Government will not withdraw, reduce, or means-test the right of any pensioners to free prescriptions? Will he give an undertaking that this Government will not introduce any new charges?

"As mobility and attendance allowances are not covered by the Government pledge to annual uprating, will he give an assurance that he will maintain the value of these and not subject the right to receive them to any form of means test?

"If Mr Lawson wants us and the country to believe that all the reports over the weekend are nothing more than what he called the fevered imagination of the press, will he redeem his pledge by scrapping the policy of charging pensioners for eye tests now?"

Mr Lawson: "The Government position on social security benefits remains today exactly as it has always been — precisely what it has always been — including a pledge to maintain the value of the retirement pension in real terms.

"We have uprated the retirement pension consistently in line with inflation, despite the fact that there are 1,500,000 more pensioners and that the Labour Government which Mr Kinnock supported cheated old age pensioners twice. They withdrew Christmas bonuses on two occasions.

"They changed the uprating system from the historic uprating with the so-called forecast, cheating them of £1 billion. They fiddled the forecast. The only change which I and the Chief Secretary (Mr John Major) have been discussing with Mr Moore is a scheme to improve the benefits received by poorer pensioners.

"We have done that because pensioners as a whole have seen their real living standards rise since we took office by nearly 20 per cent, and when Labour were in office by only 3 per cent, but some are less well off. We are seeking a way to help them."

Dame Jill Knight (Birmingham, Edgbaston, C) said: "Many of us feel that it is unjust to make non-contributory payments and hand-outs to those who can perfectly well afford to do without them.

Mr Alan Beith, Democrat spokesman on Treasury affairs: "How on earth did the Chancellor, as a former journalist, manage to mislead so many journalists at the weekend?

"The message getting through to so many people is that if they save for retirement with an occupational pension, they will lose benefit as they have already lost housing benefit and home insulation grant, and other benefits. If that is so, the savings ratio will be even worse.

Mr Lawson: "Mr Beith makes a good point. One could argue that nothing should be done to assist the poorer pensioners because it would be a disincentive for them to save. That may be the view of the Liberal Party or whichever party he is in."

Sir William Clark (Croydon South, C) said it was a fallacy to think that all retired pensioners were on the poverty line. Many could afford charges.

Mr Frank Field (Birkenhead, Lab) said that the briefings given by Mr Lawson followed logically from the statement on the freezing of child benefit. If it was proper to target help on families in need, was it not also proper for the Government to target help on other groups?

If so, were not the pension for seven million pensioners and payments to half a million widows at stake? The pensions of more than one million people drawing disability pension were at stake. And 700,000 payments to those who were unemployed, if the Government meant targeting.

Labour had rarely got its teeth into an election winner. They had got one today and they did not intend to take them out.

Mr Lawson said that this was a disgraceful way to seek temporary political advantage. Journalists had misunderstood what he was saying (Prolonged laughter) "and as a result went in for a farrago of invention but that is no reason why MPs should take it up.

"This matter was discussed by the Chief Secretary (Mr John Major) and the Secretary of State for Social Services (Mr John Moore) during this year's public expenditure round.

"But we were not, during that round, in a position to give a worked-out scheme. In due course we shall do so. It is good news for pensioners. The whole House will welcome it."

Sir Barney Hayhoe (Brentford and Isleworth, C) said that the statement would be very greatly welcomed. But could he explain why these assurances were not given at least 24 hours earlier?

Mr Lawson: I might ask him why he did not try to ascertain the facts of the matter before giving the statement that he did to the media.

Mrs Audrey Wise (Preston, Lab) asked if he would accept their sympathy in his evident inability to make himself understood.

Mr Lawson said that the Government had maintained the value of the state retirement pension in real terms. But there still remained the issue of a minority of pensioners who had done far worse and that minority, the Government proposed to address with the new scheme.

Mr Andrew Bowden (Brighton, Kemptown, C) asked him to accept that there were up to 30 per cent of pensioners living at an unacceptably low standard of living. Thirty per cent had a very acceptable standard of living.

Surely, it was quite illogical to give the £10 Christmas bonus to the top 30 per cent instead if giving a £20 Christmas bonus to the bottom 30 per cent.

Mr Lawson: "I have no change to announce whatever in the payment of the Christmas bonus. We will continue to pay it."

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C) said that Mr Lawson, in future comments, should try to avoid assuming that pensioners were very well off or on the poverty line, forgetting the large number in the middle to whom withdrawal of free prescription charges would be a considerable setback.

Mr Lawson said that the statements in the Sunday newspapers bore no relation to what he had said. He had said that while pensions would continue to be uprated in line with inflation — as the Government had always said they would — additional help over and above that ought, in his judgement, to be concentrated on the poorest pensioners

Mr David Winnick (Walsall North, Lab) said that all the Sunday papers had carried virtually the same story. Was the Chancellor saying that every single journalist at the briefing had misunderstood him?

Mr Lawson: It is clear that the less salubrious MPs opposite, of which Mr Winnick is a conspicuous example, are determined to run a scare campaign.

Three of the MPs taking part in questioning of Mr Lawson after his statement on his briefing to journalists about government policy on retirement pension policy. Left to right: Mr Alan Beith, Democrat spokesman on Treasury matters; Dame Jill Knight, Conservative MP for Birmingham, Edgbaston, and Mr Frank Field, Labour MP for Birkenhead.

Polish parallel denied by Luce

Did the statement by the Prime Minister during her visit to Poland about basic human rights mean that trade union members at GCHQ would no longer be victimized because they wanted to exercise their basic human rights in this country, **Mr David Winnick** (Walsall North, Lab) asked during Commons questions.

"Since the word hypocrisy is now allowed here, how else can the minister explain between what the Prime Minister says in Poland and what her Government carries out in this country?"

Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Civil Service: "Does he not understand the difference between true democracy with freedom under the law with a freely elected parliament?. If he does not understand that, he does not understand anything at all."

Suicide by 17 prisoners

Verdicts of suicide have been returned on 17 prisoners in Home Office establishments in England and Wales this year. **Mr Douglas Hogg**, Under Secretary of State, Home Office, gave the information in a written reply and added that 11 had been on remand and six sentenced. Inquests were to be held on 14 prisoners whose deaths were believed to be suicide.

The Home Office had received reports during 1988 of 424 apparent suicide attempts in Prison Department custody in England and Wales.

Repossession total down

There is a downward trend in the number of repossessions of houses by building societies, **Mr David Trippier**, Under Secretary of State, Environment, said in a written reply.

£250 poll tax

If the community charge or poll tax had been in use in the present financial year, 61 per cent of payers would have paid up to £250, **Mr John Gummer**, Minister for Local Government, said in a written reply. At the top of the scale, 1 per cent would have paid between £551 and £600.

Aids hospices

Two hospices, London Lighthouse and Mildmay Mission, admit only Aids patients and a further 37 hospices are also willing to care for them, **Lord Hesketh**, the Government health spokesman in the Lords, said during questions.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Education and Science; Prime Minister. Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order. Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill, Lords amendments.
Lords (2.30): Health and Medicines Bill, Commons amendments.

No mines sell-off 'by back door'

There would be no back-door privatization of the coal industry before the next general election, **Mr Cecil Parkinson**, Secretary of State for Energy, told the Commons during question time. He said that privatization would take place during the first half of the next Parliament and he assured MPs that, under it, there would be no diminution of safety standards.

In reply to a question by **Mr Ian Gow** (Eastbourne, C) about progress towards denationalization of the industry, **Mr Parkinson** said: "The Government intends to privatize the coal industry after the next general election. The Government is currently considering the options. No decisions have yet been made."

Mr Gow asked for confirmation that the Bill to privatize British Coal would be introduced in the first session of the new Parliament.

Mr Parkinson: "The Government will be coming forward with a Bill as soon as possible in the new Parliament. Whether it will be the first session or not depends on a number of factors. It will be very early in the new Parliament and the industry will be privatized in the first half of the Parliament."

Mr Parkinson contradicted recent claims by Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, that hundreds of nuclear power stations were needed world-wide to combat the greenhouse effect. Mr Parkinson said that he believed it was right to maintain the nuclear component of electricity generation at present levels. All forms of power had clean-up costs.

He was replying to **Mr Ian Bruce** (Dorset South, C), who said that France generated 70 per cent of its energy from nuclear sources; in the United States and Japan the percentage was higher. Those nations had done far more than Britain to reduce emissions from fossil fuels and Britain should do far more to encourage future power stations to be nuclear.

Mr Parkinson: "Unlike France and Japan we have very substantial reserves of coal. I think it would be a mistake for the nation to turn its back on them."

Gigantic retreat, says Hattersley

The Government's White Paper on the future of broadcasting pretended to offer choice of many new channels but in fact offered no more than profits to tycoons, **Mr Roy Hattersley**, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs, said in the Commons. It was a gigantic retreat from the concept of public sector broadcasting and would result in less diversity and lower standards, he said.

Mr Hattersley, responding to the statement by the Home Secretary outlining his proposals, said that the White Paper announced aspirations for broadcasting with which the Opposition was in wholehearted agreement. It welcomed the expansion of broadcasting and recognized the consequent need for changes in organization.

"However we at least know that expansion can only bring diversity and high quality if there is careful regulation." The proposals would result in a reduction in both.

"While competition has undoubted advantages in some areas of economic activity, the doctrinal obsession with markets revealed in the White Paper is bound to have adverse effects on broadcasting.

"It is not possible to pretend that viewers are given more choice if what they are offered is a number of channels showing programmes increasingly similar to one another and of a steadily deteriorating quality. That is the prospect the White Paper holds out."

The Home Secretary had already conceded that some deterioration was inevitable by apparently removing from Channel Three the obligation to broadcast high class drama and documentary, as well as religious programmes.

The White Paper said that there was a need for ownership to be widespread and it then proposed the abandonment of present controls. The Government had not the slightest idea what regulations to have. "I make a prediction: they will not be regulations to which Mr Rupert Murdoch takes exception."

The White Paper used the elegant phrase "double squeeze" to describe its effect on the BBC. "The value of the licence fee is likely to fall and there can be absolutely no assurance that the necessary continued funds can be raised by subscription television. Nor is subscription television a suitable way for the BBC to raise a major part of its revenue."

There was no suggestion in the White Paper of how BBC Radio would be financed after the abolition of the licence fee. "We have no doubt that the Government means that sooner or later all radio will be commercial radio — and that will be a disaster." (Conservative MPs: Why?)

Would Mr Hurd assure the House that the powers of the Broadcasting Standards Council would not include the right to preview specific broadcasts?

Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said that the White Paper had not been a doctrinal exercise but something which the Government had worked on for a very long time to try to achieve the right balance between wider choice and the interests of quality.

Anyone bidding for a franchise would first have to pass a quality threshhold of standards of production. Once passed that, there would be competitive tendering and then there would be monitoring and enforcement of the quality threshhold by the ITC.

Clear rules would be needed to impose limits on the concentration of ownership and excessive cross-media ownership. "The principle is there and it is a severe one."

On the licence fee, he said: "I think the BBC can be reasonably well satisfied with the situation in which between now and 1991 the fee is indexed, increased in line with inflation. After 1991 we will discuss with them the extent to which they would be ready to limit indexation to what they might have earned by then by way of subscription."

How far and in what form the changes would be made would appear later. "But the BBC is being given a nudge in that direction of, I think, an entirely reasonable kind."

The Opposition believed you could only successfully sustain quality by restricting choice. The Government believed that that was negative and placed too much faith in the virtues of the present kind of bureaucratic regulation. "The proposals offer the right balance between giving a wider choice to the viewer and sustaining quality."

Mr Robert Maclennan, Democrat spokesman on home affairs, welcomed the extension of consumer choice implicit in the new broadcasting technology, but said that there was concern the increasing multiplicity of channels would not of itself ensure the public enjoyed the quality and variety which they did today.

Mr Hurd said that television was moving out of the area of regulation. He agreed that wider choice did not automatically mean diversity, but the proposals were designed so that it would. That meant that viewers would not simply have a choice between different quiz shows

Mr Gerald Bermingham (St Helens South, Lab) said that if there was to be choice, it had to be an equal choice for all which meant all services being available everywhere.

Mr Hurd said that new technology was moving forward. Which type of broadcasting, terrestrial, MVDS, or satellite, would prove more acceptable, remained to be seen.

Dr David Owen, Leader of the SDP, said that the question of concentration of ownership was a crucial issue. Until the House was satisfied on that, the Government would be unwise to proceed with deregulation.

Mr Hurd agreed and said that he would not bring measures for deregulation before the House without proposals against the concentration of ownership.

House of Lords — **Law Report** November 8 1988 — Court of Appeal

Without prejudice rule is strictly confined

Rush & Tompkins Ltd v Greater London Council and Others

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Griffiths, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Goff of Chieveley

[Speeches November 3]

Under the "without prejudice" rule, admissions made in negotiations genuinely aimed at settlement were inadmissible in evidence in any subsequent litigation connected with the same subject matter.

Furthermore, admissions made to reach settlement with a different party within the same litigation were also inadmissible. The same rule was to be applied to protect such settlement negotiations from production on discovery to other parties in the same litigation.

Accordingly where a plaintiff brought an action against two defendants, "without prejudice" correspondence, which had passed between the plaintiff and one of the defendants and had resulted in a settlement of their claims, was protected from disclosure to the other defendants against whom the action continued.

The House of Lords so held allowing an appeal by Rush & Tompkins Ltd from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Stocker) (*The Times* December 28, 1987; [1988] 2 WLR 533) which had allowed an appeal by P. J. Carey Plant Hire (Oval) Ltd, whose application for specific discovery of without prejudice correspondence between Rush & Tompkins Ltd and the Greater London Council had been refused by Judge Esyr Lewis, QC.

Mr John Dyson, QC and Mr Charles Hollander for Rush & Tompkins; Mr Richard Fernyhough, QC and Miss Rosemary Jackson for Careys.

LORD GRIFFITHS said that Rush & Tompkins had entered into a building contract with the GLC as main contractors in 1971. They had engaged Carey in 1973 as sub-contractors.

Carey had put in claims for loss and expense to Rush & Tompkins who maintained that they were entitled to reimbursement from the GLC. Eventually Rush & Tompkins began proceedings against the GLC and Carey claiming an inquiry into the loss and expenses to which Carey were entitled under the sub-contract and a declaration that they were entitled to be reimbursed by the GLC.

In 1981 before any trial of the action, Rush & Tompkins entered into a compromise with the GLC whereby they accepted a sum in settlement of all outstanding claims, but accepted direct responsibility for the sub-contractors' claims. Thereafter Rush & Tompkins discontinued the action against the GLC.

The terms of the settlement were disclosed to Carey, but that did not show the valuation put on their claim in reaching the global settlement figure.

Carey believed that documents would have come into existence in the negotiations between Rush & Tompkins and the GLC which would have shown the basis on which their claim was valued for the purposes of the global figure. Rush & Tompkins conceded that such documents existed, but declined to give discovery of them on the ground that they were protected by the without prejudice rule.

That rule governed the admissibility of evidence and was founded on the public policy of encouraging litigants to settle their differences rather than litigate them to the finish. The rule applied to exclude all negotiations genuinely aimed at settlement, whether oral or in writing, from being given in evidence.

The application of the rule did not depend on the use of the words "without prejudice", and, if it was clear from the surrounding circumstances that parties were seeking to compromise an action, evidence of the contents of their negotiations would not, as a general rule, be admissible at the trial and could not be used to establish an admission.

Nearly all the cases in which the scope of the without prejudice rule had been considered had concerned the admissibility of evidence at trial after negotiations had failed. In those circumstances no question of discovery arose because the parties were well aware of the contents of the negotiations.

The cases did show that the rule was not absolute and that resort might be had to the without prejudice material for various reasons where justice demanded it.

Thus it would be admissible if the issue were whether or not the negotiations resulted in an agreed settlement, which was the point made by Lord Justice Lindley in *Walker v Wilsher* ((1889) 23 QBD 335).

His Lordship could not accept the view of the Court of Appeal that that case was authority for the proposition that if the negotiations succeeded and a settlement was concinded the privilege went, having served its purpose.

In *Walker v Wilsher* the Court of Appeal had held that it was not permissible to receive the contents of a without prejudice offer on the question of costs, and no question arose as to the admissibility of admissions made in the negotiations in any possible subsequent proceedings.

There were many situations when parties engaged on, for example, a large building construction projects had to anticipate the risk of being involved in disputes with others engaged on the same project.

If a main contractor in an attempt to settle a dispute with one sub-contractor made certain admissions, it was clear that those could not be used against him if no settlement resulted because it would discourage settlement if he believed they might be held against him.

It would be equally discouraging if he knew that if he achieved settlement those admissions could be used against him by any other sub-contractor with whom he might also be in dispute.

In his Lordship's view if admissions made to achieve settlement of a minor piece of litigation could be held against him in subsequent major litigation, it would actively discourage settlement of the minor litigation and run counter to the underlying purpose of the without prejudice rule.

His Lordship would therefore hold that as a general rule the without prejudice rule rendered inadmissible in any subsequent litigation connected with the same subject-matter proof of any admissions made in a genuine attempt to reach a settlement.

It went without saying that admissions made to reach settlement with a different party within the same litigation were also inadmissible irrespective of whether or not settlement was reached with that party.

The contents of the without prejudice correspondence between Rush & Tompkins and the GLC would not be admissible to establish any admission relating to Carey's claim. However Carey submitted that they should have discovery of the correspondence since it would be likely to reveal the valuation put on the claim by Rush & Tompkins and the GLC which would therefore provide a realistic starting point for negotiations and thereby promote a settlement.

It was only at a late stage in the argument made on behalf of Rush & Tompkins that the distinction between admissibility and discoverability was taken. The right to discovery and production of documents did not depend on the admissibility of the documents in evidence: see *O'Rourke v Darbishire* ([1920] AC 581).

The general rule was that a party was entitled to discovery of all documents relating to the matters in issue irrespective of admissibility. In the present case Rush & Tompkins had admitted that the without prejudice correspondence would be discoverable but for the without prejudice rule.

There was little English authority on that question but the decision in *Rabin v Mendoza & Co* ([1954] 1 WLR 271) showed that even as between the parties to without prejudice correspondence they were not entitled to discovery against one another.

His Lordship suspected that until the present decision of the Court of Appeal the general understanding of the profession was that without prejudice negotiations between parties to litigation would not be discoverable to other parties and that discoverability and admissibility went together: see *The Supreme Court Practice 1988* note 24/5/17.

His Lordship also referred to the critical note on the Court of Appeal's decision in the present case written by one of the Law Commissioners, Mr Brian Davenport, QC, in the *Law Quarterly Review* vol 104, where he stated (at p349) that the decision would be received "with surprise and dismay by many practitioners".

His Lordship had come to the conclusion that the wiser course would be to protect without prejudice communications between parties to litigation from production to other parties in the same litigation.

In multi-party litigation it was not infrequent for one party to take up an unreasonably intransigent attitude making it extremely difficult to settle with him. In such circumstances it would place a serious fetter on negotiations between other parties if they knew that what passed between them would ultimately have to be revealed to the one obdurate litigant.

If the party obtaining discovery of without prejudice correspondence could make no use of it at trial it was only of very limited value to him. Any advantage it might have did not outweigh the damage which would be done to the conduct of settlement negotiations if solicitors thought that what had passed between them would become common currency available to all other parties to the litigation.

In his Lordship's view the general public policy that applied to protect genuine negotiations from being admissible in evidence was to be extended to protect those negotiations from being discoverable to third parties.

Lord Bridge, Lord Brandon, Lord Oliver and Lord Goff agreed.

Solicitors: McKenna & Co; Wray Smith & Co for Summers & Co, Beaconsfield.

Theft plot indictment apt in false passport application

Regina v Ashbee

Before Lord Justice Neill, Mr Justice Tucker and Mr Justice Rougier

[Judgment October 21]

Although there were statutory provisions dealing with the making of applications for passports by means of false statements, under which the maximum penalty on conviction of an offence was two years' imprisonment, in an appropriate case it was proper to frame the indictment on the basis that the underlying offence was theft rather than the making of the applications.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing the appeal of David Ashbee from a sentence of four years' imprisonment on his conviction following a plea of guilty on May 6, 1988 in Southwark Crown Court (Judge Butler) to conspiracy to obtain property by deception.

Mr Ian Macdonald, QC, for the appellant; Mr Peter W. Clarke for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appeal raised a question of some general importance, related specifically to the way in which the charge against the appellant was framed.

The particulars in the indictment alleged that he and another man had conspired together and with others to obtain British passports by deception, namely by the fraudulent and dishonest use of birth certificates, the fraudulent use of passport application forms and by other fraudulent means and devices.

In January 1988 the co-accused was arrested at the Passport Office while making three false applications for passports. He said a "Mr Blackwood" employed him to take forged passport applications and documents to the Passport Office and collect the passports when ready.

He took the police to an address where the appellant had rented accommodation in the name of Blackwood. The appellant said that he obtained passports for persons in America whom he did not know.

For the applications he obtained birth certificates of deceased people and arranged false addresses, false letterheads and references. The evidence was that passports of that kind were of substantial value, and the figure of about $8,000 was mentioned as the price.

Counsel for the appellant had referred their Lordships to a number of statutory provisions dealing with the offence of making applications for passports by means of false statements.

He submitted that although the present case involved a conspiracy, and although a number of overt acts, which could have been treated as separate offences, had been committed, nevertheless because of the combined effect of section 36(1) of the Criminal Justice Act 1925 and section 3(3) of the Criminal Law Act 1977, the maximum penalty the judge should have considered was two years' imprisonment.

Although it was an unusual course, their Lordships had invited counsel for the Crown to assist on the propriety of the framing of an indictment in such circumstances.

The indictment was framed under section 1(1) of the Criminal Law Act 1977 because it related to a conspiracy, but the underlying offence was one contrary to section 15 of the Theft Act 1968.

It was submitted that a distinction had to be drawn between the application for a passport by means of an untrue statement, for which Parliament had prescribed a limited penalty, and the obtaining of property, which in this case was a passport but might have been a credit card, cheque book, or anything of that kind such as would have considerable intrinsic worth; and there was nothing wrong, where the full offence had been committed, the application had been successful and the property had been obtained by means of the false statements, in looking at the reality of the position and charging the offence of obtaining property.

Their Lordships were quite satisfied that the indictment was properly framed and there was indeed a distinction to be drawn between an application to obtain a passport by means of false statements, and the obtaining of the passport and its subsequent use.

The sentence of four years' imprisonment, although severe, was well merited.

Solicitors: Christian Fisher & Co; Crown Prosecution Service, Southwark.

Parole medical reports

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Benson

Although a prisoner was not entitled to have medical reports produced in every case where the parole board declined to recommend release or where the Home Secretary declined to accept the board's recommendation for release, where they were relevant and central to the prisoner's application for judicial review, the Home Secretary could not justify withholding the reports as a class.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Lloyd and Mr Justice Nolan) so held on November 1 in ordering disclosure of medical reports relevant to the application.

LORD JUSTICE LLOYD said he was not deciding a prisoner was entitled to have medical reports produced in every case.

It was only when he had obtained leave to apply for judicial review and when he could show they were relevant and central to the application. Therein lay the safeguard.

US ELECTION

Who'll start packing his bags for

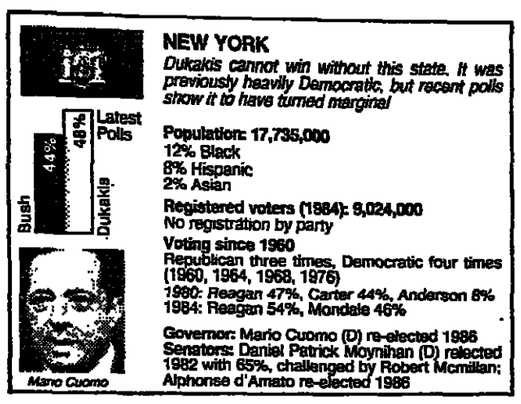
Where the 538 people who will elect the next president come from, and the five key states that could decide whether they will choose George Bush or Michael Dukakis

As America goes to the polls today, it will not be electing a president. On a ballot sheet of intimidating complexity, voters will be picking members of an electoral college. It is the electoral college that eventually picks the president, in a separate vote on December 19.

But today's vote, of course, is the one that matters. Each candidate will be watching to see how many electoral college members will be supporting him. The first candidate to reach 270 knows that he will be the next President of the United States.

Each state has a different number of college members, based on the number of people it sends to Congress, and the key battles in the White House campaign have been fought in the states with the most influence in the electoral college. Texas is a key state in this year's struggle not just because of its importance in the electoral college (29 members) but because it was traditionally Democratic but is now leaning to the Republicans. The candidates have also been concentrating on the marginal industrial states of Michigan (20 votes), Ohio (23) and Illinois (24).

In the map below, the shaded areas represent voting trends as reflected in yesterday's polls.



NEW YORK

Dukakis cannot win without this state. It was previously heavily Democratic, but recent polls show it to have turned marginal

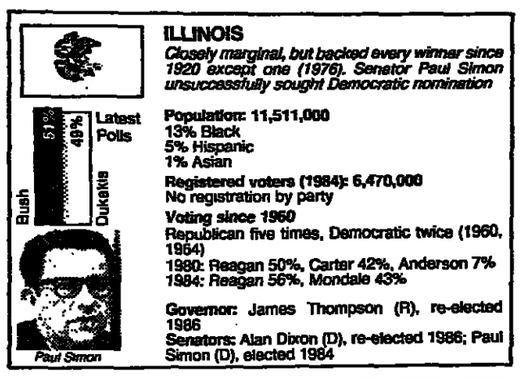
Population: 17,735,000
12% Black
8% Hispanic
2% Asian

Registered voters (1984): 8,024,000
No registration by party

Voting since 1960
Republican three times, Democratic four times (1960, 1964, 1968, 1976)
1980: Reagan 47%, Carter 44%, Anderson 8%
1984: Reagan 54%, Mondale 46%

Governor: Mario Cuomo (D) re-elected 1986
Senators: Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D) relected 1982 with 65%, challenged by Robert Mcmillan; Alphonse d'Amato re-elected 1986

Mario Cuomo



ILLINOIS

Closely marginal, but backed every winner since 1920 except one (1976). Senator Paul Simon unsuccessfully sought Democratic nomination

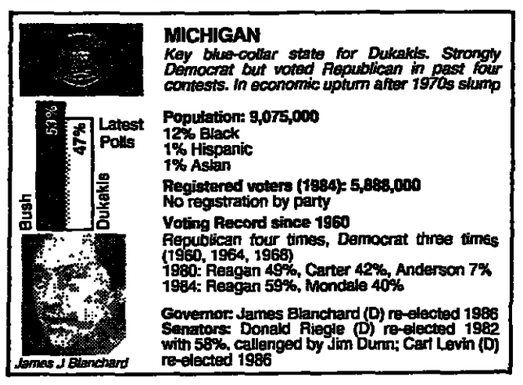
Population: 11,511,000
13% Black
5% Hispanic
1% Asian

Registered voters (1984): 6,470,000
No registration by party

Voting since 1960
Republican five times, Democratic twice (1960, 1964)
1980: Reagan 50%, Carter 42%, Anderson 7%
1984: Reagan 56%, Mondale 43%

Governor: James Thompson (R), re-elected 1986
Senators: Alan Dixon (D), re-elected 1986; Paul Simon (D), elected 1984

Paul Simon



MICHIGAN

Key blue-collar state for Dukakis. Strongly Democrat but voted Republican in past four contests. In economic upturn after 1970s slump

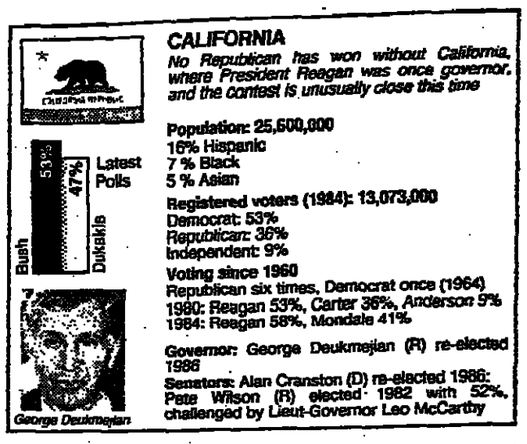
Population: 9,075,000
12% Black
1% Hispanic
1% Asian

Registered voters (1984): 5,888,000
No registration by party

Voting Record since 1960
Republican four times, Democrat three times (1960, 1964, 1968)
1980: Reagan 49%, Carter 42%, Anderson 7%
1984: Reagan 59%, Mondale 40%

Governor: James Blanchard (D) re-elected 1986
Senators: Donald Riegle (D) re-elected 1982 with 58%, callenged by Jim Dunn; Carl Levin (D) re-elected 1986

James J Blanchard



CALIFORNIA

No Republican has won without California, where President Reagan was once governor, and the contest is unusually close this time

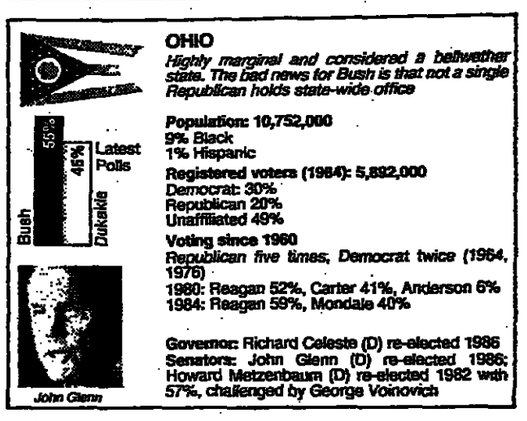
Population: 25,600,000
16% Hispanic
7 % Black
5 % Asian

Registered voters (1984): 13,073,000
Democrat: 53%
Republican: 36%
Independent: 9%

Voting since 1960
Republican six times, Democrat once (1964)
1980: Reagan 53%, Carter 36%, *Anderson 9%*
1984: Reagan 58%, Mondale 41%

Governor: George Deukmejian (R) re-elected 1986
Senators: Alan Cranston (D) re-elected 1986; Pete Wilson (R) elected 1982 with 52%, challenged by Lieut-Governor Leo McCarthy

George Deukmejian



OHIO

Highly marginal and considered a bellwether state. The bad news for Bush is that not a single Republican holds state-wide office

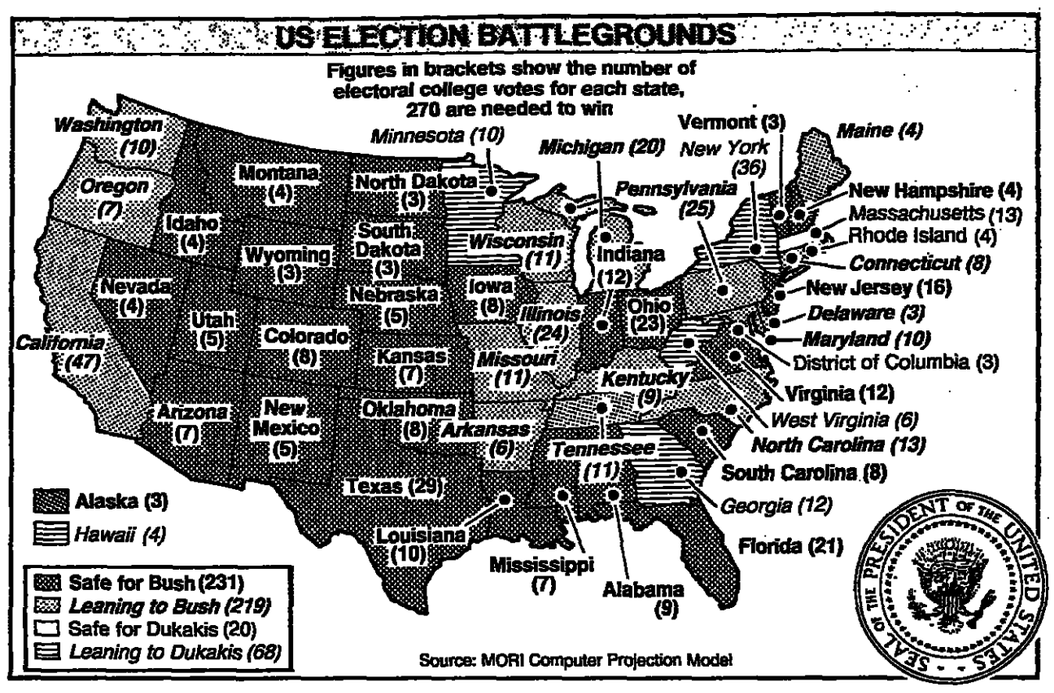
Population: 10,752,000
9% Black
1% Hispanic

Registered voters (1984): 5,892,000
Democrat: 30%
Republican 20%
Unaffiliated 49%

Voting since 1960
Republican five times, Democrat twice (1964, 1976)
1980: Reagan 52%, Carter 41%, Anderson 6%
1984: Reagan 59%, Mondale 40%

Governor: Richard Celeste (D) re-elected 1986
Senators: John Glenn (D) re-elected 1986; Howard Metzenbaum (D) re-elected 1982 with 57%, challenged by George Voinovich

John Glenn



OTHER STATES TO WATCH

ARKANSAS: The only Southern state where Dukakis has a slight chance of victory. Long represented in Senate by influential Democrat William Fulbright, it now has a popular Democratic governor, Bill Clinton. 1984: Reagan 60%, Mondale 38%

NEW JERSEY: A blue collar state where "Reagan Democrats" have given resounding victories to the Republicans in the past two presidential elections. A population of 7,515,000 with 4,515,000 registered voters (Democrats 34%, Republicans 21%, unaffiliated 45%). 1984: Reagan 60%, Mondale 39%.

TEXAS: Home state of both George Bush and Lloyd Bentsen. No Democrat has won the White House without Texas, and hopes are fading for Dukakis. A population of 15,989,000 with 7,900,000 registered voters. 1984: Reagan 64%, Mondale 36%

THE CAMPAIGN TIMETABLE

April 29, 1987: Dukakis announces candidacy
May 8: Gary Hart leaves race a week after disclosure of his relationship with Donna Rice
Oct 12: Bush announces candidacy
Dec 15: Hart rejoins race
Feb 8, 1988: Iowa caucuses. Bush, with 19% of vote, is third in Republican race behind Senator Robert Dole and the Rev Pat Robertson. Dukakis, with 21% of the vote, is third in Democratic race behind Congressman Richard Gephardt and Senator Paul Simon
Feb 12: General Alexander Haig drops out of Republican race
Feb 16: New Hampshire primary. Bush wins among Republicans, Dukakis among Democrats
Feb 17: Governor Bruce Babbitt drops out of Democratic race, Pete du Pont quits Republican race
March 5: Bush wins South Carolina primary
March 8: Super Tuesday. Bush wins 16 out of 17 states (Robertson wins Washington state). Dukakis wins key states of Massachusetts, Texas and Florida
March 9-15: Congressman Jack Kemp quits Republican race, Gephardt and Hart quit Democratic race
March 15: Senator Paul Simon wins Illinois Democratic primary
March 26: Rev Jesse Jackson wins Michigan Democratic caucuses
March 29: Dole quits Republican race
April 5: Dukakis wins Wisconsin primary
April 8: Simon suspends bid for Democratic nomination, Robertson suspends bid for Republican nomination
April 19: Dukakis wins New York primary
April 20: Senator Albert Gore quits Democratic race
April 27: Bush secures enough votes for nomination
June 7: Dukakis secures Democratic nomination
July 12: Dukakis picks Senator Lloyd Bentsen as running mate
July 18-21: Democratic convention in Atlanta
July 21: Dukakis accepts Democratic nomination
Aug 15-18: Republican convention, New Orleans
Aug 16: Bush picks Senator Dan Quayle as running mate
Aug 18: Bush accepts Republican nomination. James Baker, former Treasury Secretary, is appointed Bush campaign manager
Sept 1: John Sasso, dismissed as manager of Dukakis campaign in 1987, rejoins team
Sept 26: First presidential debate: Dukakis deemed winner
Oct 5: Vice-presidential debate: Bentsen deemed winner
Oct 13: Second presidential debate: Bush deemed winner

Keeping the cash flowing

The collection of tens of millions of dollars of "soft money" by both campaigns is making a mockery of Nixon-era legislation designed to control election fundraising.

These soft funds fall outside legal limits and disclosure requirements. But both Bush and Dukakis have willingly gone along with the practice, which by some estimates may account for almost half the total raised by the two parties *for the contest.*

Soft money has quietly transformed the fundraising process because it means individuals can make unlimited donations. And the definition of "individuals" seems to have been quietly extended to include both corporations and trade unions.

The practice became legal with the passage of a seemingly harmless 1979 congressional amendment to election law. Both the Republicans and Democrats have discovered that they can solicit unlimited *contributions as long as they* earmark the money for state and local parties for routine operating expenses, or for "party-building" activities — *in other words, if it is not* collected directly for the presidential campaign.

But having collected the money, there is no federal procedure for controlling how it is spent. It means that local organizations of the Republican and Democratic parties have been spending huge sums on the presidential campaign (albeit indirectly), particularly on TV advertising.

Each presidential nominee gets $46 million in public funds, and each party can legally contribute $8.3 million *to the presidential race. The* Dukakis campaign says it has collected $31 million in soft money. Republican Party officials said that almost 150 donors had pledged to give $100,000 each to the national or state parties.

Attempts to control election fundraising followed reports that Richard Nixon raised millions of dollars in secret *donations for the 1972 campaign,* and that ambassadorships were for sale. Watergate investigators found that 69 people gave $100,000 or more to Nixon or his opponent, George McGovern.

The largest individual Republican donation so far has come from Nicolas Salgo, a *former ambassador to Hungary.* He gave $502,000 in May, but insists that his contribution was not aimed directly at Bush. "It was a family decision," he says. "*If you can afford it, why not?*" Both parties have promised to provide a full list of individual contributors after the election. The Republicans, who have so far collected more than $12 million in soft money, are obviously delighted by the response to what they call the "Team 100" appeal — appeals for $100,000 or more. So far they have received 115 such donations.

Not everybody is happy though. Common Cause, an independent watchdog body, is demanding that the federal *election commission stamp* out the practice of soft money donation.

"It is the biggest single problem affecting the presidential campaign finance system," says Fred Wertheimer, the organization's president. "It allows the candidate to run a private campaign."

Christopher Thomas

WHO SAID IT

This election is a referendum on liberalism
— **President Reagan**

I'm going to have to arrive at that if there are no others
— **President Reagan**, asked if he would endorse Bush

Read my lips: no new taxes
— **Bush**, accepting the Republican nomination

This election isn't about ideology; it's about competence
— **Dukakis**, accepting the Democratic nomination

Poor George. . . born with a silver foot in his mouth.
— **Ann Richards**, keynote speaker at the Democratic convention

Dukakis has a terrible dilemma — he can't get elected unless things get worse, and things aren't going to get worse unless he gets elected
— **Bush** on the campaign trail

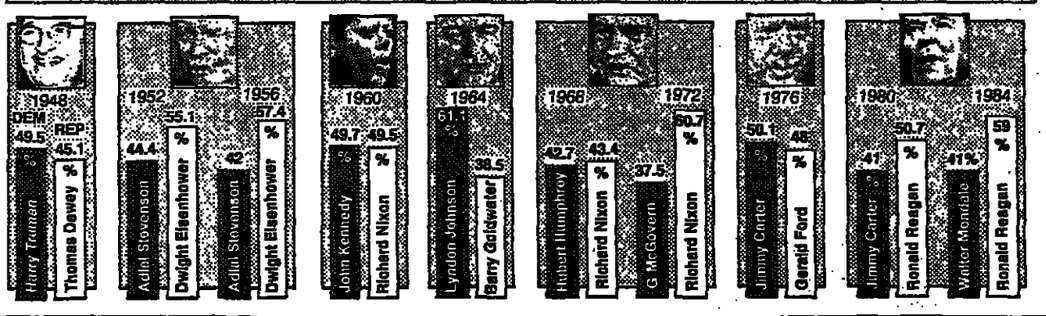
Mr Bush, don't you think it's time you came out from behind the flag?
— **Dukakis** on the campaign trail

The Holocaust was an obscene period in our nation's history
— **Dan Quayle**

I did not live in this century
— **Quayle** on his poor knowledge of the Holocaust

I am a Liberal in the tradition of Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman and John Kennedy
— **Dukakis** in the final week of campaigning

HOW PAST PRESIDENTS WON THE WHITE HOUSE



Low interest rates

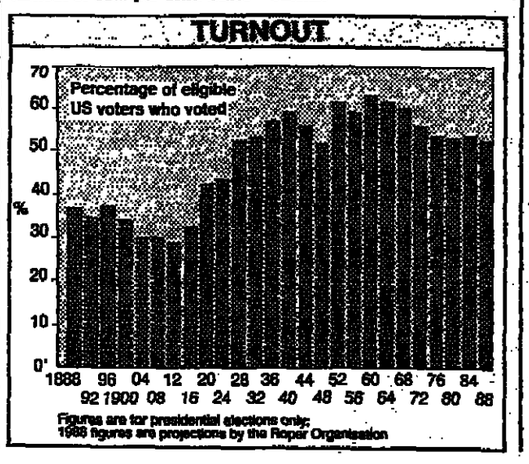
Turnout in American elections has historically been far lower than in nearly all other Western democracies, and today may see less than half the eligible voters going to the polls. Despite a strong campaign by both parties and by citizen groups to get people both to register in time — often a complicated procedure — and to cast their ballots, there is a worry that disenchantment with both candidates will keep the poll low.

The 1960 Kennedy-Nixon race saw the high point in voter participation, with a turnout of 63.1 per cent. Since then, however, there has been a steady fall, reaching a low point of 52.6 per cent in the 1980 Carter-Reagan race. Thanks to Reagan's personal popularity, *turnout rose in* 1984 to 53.1 per cent.

Turnouts were even lower at the beginning of this century. In 1912, when President Woodrow Wilson was elected, less than 30 per cent of those eligible voted.

However, these low figures are in part explained by complicated registration procedures, and the virtual disenfranchisement of all the blacks.

TURNOUT



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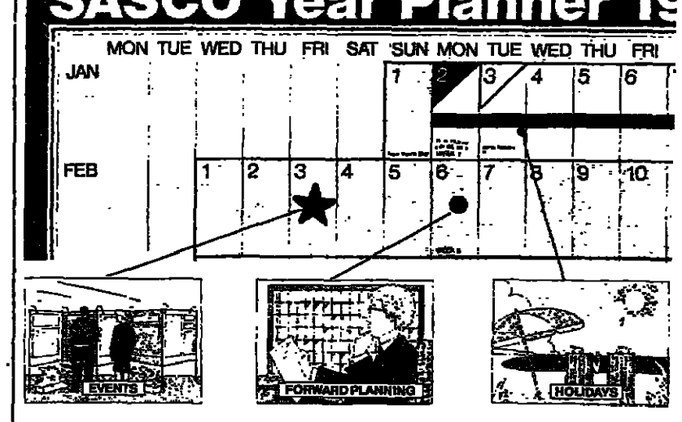

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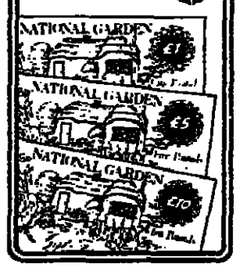

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US ELECTION

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Yawns as a long campaign ends

The 1988 election, which promised at its start to be one of the most unpredictable and exciting of recent years, has ended amid widespread disappointment and a virtually certain outcome. It has been a roller-coaster campaign, lifting expectations and the many candidates to false heights before descending to depths of negative campaigning and mudslinging. But it left the electorate ill-informed of the real issues and unenthusiastic about the final two candidates. Though the race quickened in the final week, a record number of voters are expected to stay away from the polls.

The 1988 campaign broke a number of records and set new precedents. More money was spent than ever before. There were more primary debates, but less real discussion; fewer press conferences and less access to the candidates in the final race.

Both Vice-President George Bush and Governor Michael Dukakis at times rose above the generally low expectations of them, displaying tenacity on the stump and a new-found eloquence in their acceptance speeches. Both started the race poorly, coming third in the Iowa caucuses. Both were underdogs at different stages. And whoever is elected will have beaten formidable historical odds: Bush will be the first incumbent vice-president to be elected president since Martin Van Buren succeeded Andrew Jackson in 1837; Dukakis will be the first son of immigrants to lead his country for more than a century.

Neither man stood out at the start of the primary season. Among the Republicans, Senator Robert Dole was a formidable challenge to Bush. He had a strong record in the Senate, a sharper debating style and the perceived ability to attract more Democratic voters. The four other Republican contenders were never in the same league: former Governor Pierre du Pont was handicapped by an upper class image and limited political message. General Alexander Haig was seen as temperamental and volatile. Congressman Jack Kemp proved a poor campaigner. And the Rev Pat Robertson, though coming second in Iowa, could not mobilize his Christian fundamentalists for later races.

Among the Democrats, Congressman Richard Gephardt pounded out a protectionist message and did well at first; but he spent all his money and was unable to campaign properly in the South. Senator Paul Simon, with an old-fashioned liberal message, won only his home state of Illinois. Former governor Bruce Babbitt destroyed his chances early on by calling for higher taxes. Gary Hart failed to recapture the lead he had before withdrawing over the Donna Rice affair. Senator Albert Gore, gambling all on a Southern strategy, did well on Super Tuesday but then ran a poor campaign in New York. Only the Rev Jesse Jackson proved a troublesome opponent for Dukakis.

In the final race Bush's organization proved far superior to Dukakis. He owed his astonishing turnaround — 17 points behind to 10 points in front — to the firm grip of seasoned campaign managers, Jim Baker and Lee Atwater, and skilled media advisers such as Roger Ailes. He also went on the attack early and campaigned strongly from the day after the Republican convention, branding his opponent as a "liberal" and concentrating heavily on "hot button" issues like gun control, crime and the death penalty, taxes and the pledge of allegiance. Aiming at women voters, he also expressed concern on education and the environment.

Dukakis wasted the crucial month after the Democratic convention. He refused to exploit aggressively Bush's single greatest mistake — the selection of Senator Dan Quayle as a running mate — and failed to respond sharply to the Bush attacks and to bring in more seasoned campaign advisers from outside his Boston circle.

In the end the campaign came down to a tough fight over the crucial big marginal states Dukakis had to win — California, the industrial Midwest, Texas, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. But it was only in the final two weeks that Dukakis began the no-holds-barred, impassioned campaigning that attracted enthusiastic crowds. By then, the polls suggested, it was too late.

Michael Binyon

BUSH	THE ISSUES	DUKAKIS
No detailed plan for overcoming $150 billion a year deficit. Proposes "flexible freeze" on federal spending, except social security. No programme to outpace inflation. Favours line-item veto and balanced budget constitutional amendment	DEFICIT	Refuses to specify his "tough choices", but anticipates saving billions with cuts in the "Star Wars" and missile programmes. Also suggests cut in farm support. Opposes line-item veto and balanced budget constitutional amendment
Wants states to expand medical assistance for poor and low-income groups. Favours constitutional amendment barring most abortions, and wants criminal penalties for most abortionists (but not for women procuring abortions). Supports anti-discrimination legislation to protect Aids victims, and promises increased research funding	HEALTH	Wants universal health insurance, funded by employers, to cover estimated 22 million of the 37 million without health cover. Says this would cost the Treasury nothing. Supports legal right of women to choose an abortion, and government funding of abortions in cases of financial difficulty. Also favours anti-discrimination laws for Aids victims
Proposes death penalty for killing police officers, drug-related homicide and drug "kingpins", also for treason and espionage. Opposes tighter gun controls, but says war on drugs would be "top priority" with Vice-President co-ordinating campaign. Would use education and treatment to curb demand for drugs as well as attacking supply sources	DRUGS, CRIME	Opposes all capital punishment. Wants stricter gun control with mandatory waiting period for gun buyers. Will cut aid to countries failing to co-operate in fight against drugs, and would use US troops "under appropriate circumstances" to help foreign countries destroy drug crops and laboratories. Wants to recruit 600 more federal drug agents
Firmly against tax increases. Would lower the top capital gains rate from 33% to 15% to spur investment. Wants tax credits for poor families of $1,000 for each child under four, and a tax deferral scheme to help middle income families	TAXES	Proposes a crackdown on tax evaders. He would recruit more tax agents to recoup up to $110 billion in taxes that remain unpaid each year. Says "no serious candidate" can rule out tax rises altogether, but insists this would be a last resort
Proclaims himself "an environmentalist". Proposes international conference on greenhouse effect. Supports recent law to ban ocean dumping of waste by 1991. Would set goal of "no net loss of wetlands" and would delay offshore oil drilling in sensitive areas. Supports new, unspecified limits on emissions causing acid rain. Supports nuclear power	ENVIRONMENT	Promises tougher approach by Environmental Protection Agency "to make polluters pay". Wants stricter standards for air and water quality. Would ban offshore drilling in sensitive areas. Would halt below-cost timber sales in national forests. Opposes building nuclear power plants until safer reactors are designed and safe ways found to dispose of nuclear waste
Would continue the Reagan policy of "peace through strength". Urges caution over Gorbachov liberalization. Would continue strategic arms reduction talks. Wants total international ban on chemical weapons. Supports military aid to Nicaraguan Contras, but is vague on further action against South Africa. Has pledged support for Israel but avoided spelling out detailed Middle East policy. Would carry on with "Star Wars" research, and deployment when it is ready. Favours the Stealth bomber but acknowledges that the country cannot afford both the Midgetman and MX missiles. Strong commitment to US forces in Europe	DIPLOMACY, DEFENCE	Supports INF treaty and proposed strategic arms cuts. Takes optimistic view of Soviet reforms. Favours wider use of UN and other international bodies to resolve disputes. Wants American allies to shoulder larger share of defence burden. Opposes military aid to Contras. Wants tougher sanctions against South Africa. Committed to defence of Israel. Ridicules SDI as "fantasy" and would cut funding by 75%. Wants "conventional defence initiative" to bolster defences. Would scrap two planned aircraft carrier task forces and the MX and Midgetman missiles, but would look for other ways to modernize land-based nuclear force. Favours Stealth bomber
Wants to be known as the "Education President". Favours more federal spending on pre-school programmes for disadvantaged children. Supports new tax incentives to help college tuition costs. Wants unfettered grants of up to $100,000 for "merit schools" which spur achievement among disadvantaged students. A supporter of organized (but voluntary) prayer in state schools	EDUCATION	In favour of a college loan programme to allow students to repay loans through pay deductions during their working lives. Wants $250 million for a national teaching excellence fund, including scholarships and loan forgiveness for prospective teachers. Favours a $45 million effort to bring retired scientists and engineers into classrooms to help teaching. Opposes organized prayer in state schools

THE CANDIDATES

MICHAEL DUKAKIS

Michael Stanley Dukakis was born on November 3, 1933, in Brookline, Massachusetts, of Greek immigrant parents, Dr Panos Dukakis and his wife, Euterpe. He was educated at a local school, Swarthmore College, where he graduated in political science. He then attended Harvard Law School, receiving a law degree in 1960.

He joined the army, serving in Korea from 1955 to 1957, and afterwards practised law. He was first elected to the Massachusetts House of Representatives in 1962, serving there until 1970. After losing a 1970 race to become Lieutenant-Governor of Massachusetts, he became a moderator of a current affairs television programme, *The Advocates*.

He was elected Governor of Massachusetts, but lost a bid for renomination in 1978. He was a lecturer and director of intergovernmental studies at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government from 1979 until 1982, when he was again elected Governor. He was re-elected in 1986.

He declared his candidacy for president on April 29, 1987. He came third in the Iowa caucuses, but won the New Hampshire primary. He established a decisive lead over his remaining rivals with his victory in the New York primary on April 19, and was officially adopted by the Democratic Party in Atlanta on July 21.

Raised in the Greek Orthodox church, in 1963 he married Kitty Dickson, who is Jewish and had a son, John, from a first marriage. Dukakis legally adopted John, and he and Kitty have two daughters, Andrea and Kara.

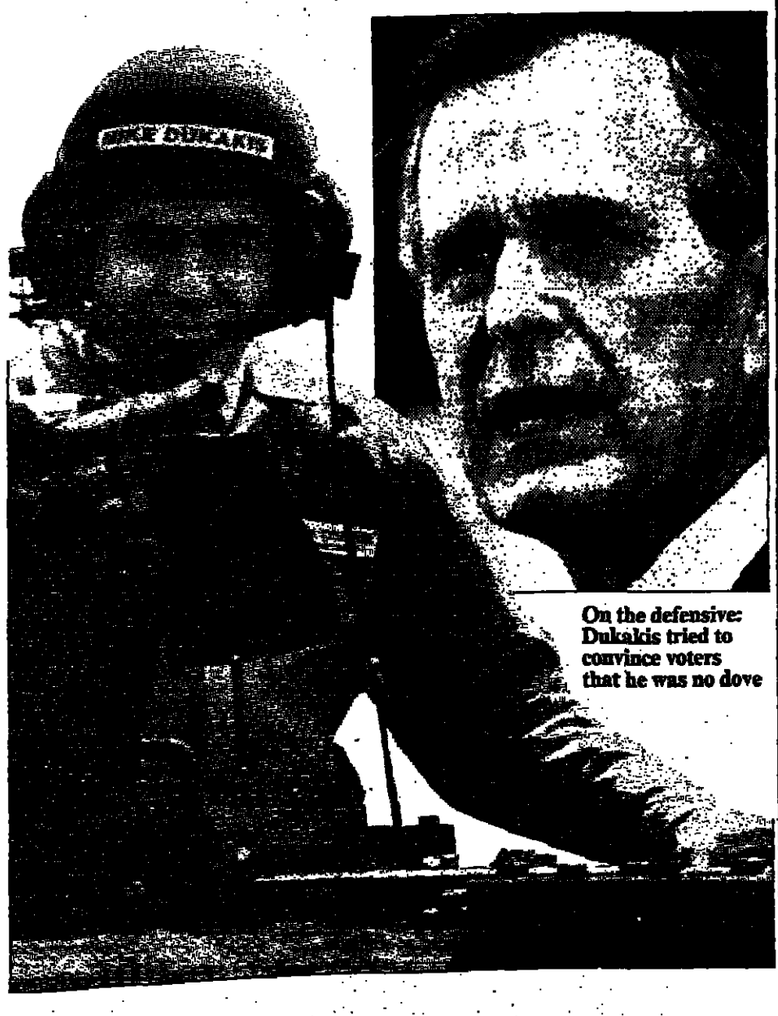
GEORGE BUSH

George Herbert Walker Bush, son of the late Connecticut Senator Prescott Bush, was born on June 12, 1924, in Milton, Massachusetts, and educated at Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass. After leaving school in 1942, he joined the navy as a pilot, and was shot down in the South Pacific, earning a decoration. He graduated in economics from Yale University in 1948. In 1953 he co-founded the Zapata Petroleum Corporation, the following year becoming president of Zapata Offshore, which sold drilling equipment.

Bush was elected as a Republican to the House of Representatives in 1966 for a Texas district, and re-elected in 1968. He fought two unsuccessful campaigns for the Senate in 1964 and 1970, being beaten the second time by Lloyd Bentsen.

He served as President Nixon's ambassador to the United Nations from 1971-73; he was chairman of the Republican national committee (1973-74), chief of the US Liaison Office in China (1974-75), and director of the Central Intelligence Agency under President Ford in 1976-77. He unsuccessfully sought the Republican presidential nomination in 1980, later becoming Ronald Reagan's running mate. He was elected Vice-President on the Reagan ticket in 1980. In the White House he has frequently represented the President at funerals of foreign statesmen. He has also chaired commissions on drugs and on terrorism, and has headed a group drawing up plans for government deregulation. He declared his candidacy for the presidency on October 12, 1987. He came third in the Iowa caucuses, but won the New Hampshire primary and established a decisive lead over his rivals on Super Tuesday, March 8. Bush was officially nominated by the Republican Party in New Orleans on August 18.

An Episcopalian, he and his wife Barbara (*née* Pierce) have five children: George, Jeb, Neil, Marvin and Dorothy.



On the defensive: Dukakis tried to convince voters that he was no dove

TIMES DIARY

DAVID WALKER

At last, they are saying in the vicinity of Queen Anne's Gate, a public document has appeared bearing the fingerprints of the new man at the top of the Home Office. It has taken quite a while for the plans and papers begun under the former permanent secretary, Brian Cubbon, to work through the system, and his successor, Clive Whitmore, has kept a low profile since arriving in March. But now we are definitely into the era of the prime ministerial favourite who moved from Defence to the Home Office after being pipped for the topmost job of all, Cabinet Secretary, by Robin Butler.

Yesterday's White Paper on broadcasting rings the changes from the Cubbon regime, when the old verities were held in place even during the tenure of Leon Brittan. Win or lose, it's a Whitmore paper.

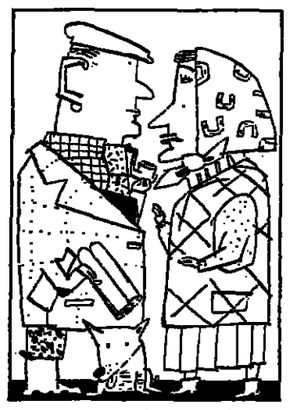
What happpens to Mrs Thatcher's gurus when they leave Downing Street? Some, such as Sir John Hoskyns, scourge of the trade unions, now head of the Institute of Directors, fade somewhat — the Institute is a lot less lively now that Graham Mather has gone to the *fountainhead of the right-wing revival, the* Institute of Economic Affairs. Others, such as Norman Strauss, become a veritable pain in the prime ministerial side.

It is not that Strauss, part of an effective double act with Hoskyns in the No 10 Think Tank, is being indiscreet; rather, he has started levelling fire at the entire Thatcherite ship. Strauss, ex-Lever Brothers, runs a profitable line in marketing advice — *Positioning Brands Profitably* is his latest *oeuvre*. Now, in columns and (highly paid) speeches, he has been developing a critique of Mrs T as a leader and the Conservative Party as a vehicle for keeping Britain on the right track. He is even talking about new parties — on which he will expand in a speech in the New Year.

With prime ministerial acolytes such as Sir Douglas Hague making *speeches about the predilection of* British academics for anti-enterprise research and deploring their malign interest in "collective formations" (such as trade unions), you would think university appointments committees and their professional headhunters would have got the message. Especially those seeking a successor to Peter Moore as principal of the London Business School, an *organization* pretty close to the heart of British capitalism. Their likely course, one might imagine, would be to consult Lord Chilver, the radical principal of Cranfield, and perhaps poach one of his professors of enterprise.

But no. The new principal is to be George Bain of the Univerity of Warwick, who, although holding the title of head of the Warwick Business School, has made an academic career studying, of all things, trade unions and industrial relations. Bain goes back, moreoever, to the days before *Warwick, under Clark Brundin, its Amer*ican vice-chancellor, had become something of a favourite of the Thatcherites. Warwick once had an industrial relations research unit which, in the opinion of that unrelenting foe of academic Marxism, Lord Beloff, was tainted by foreign ideology. Throughout what turned into a lengthy and rather messy saga of academic in-fighting (Warwick's vice-chancellor used to be the Tory Lord Butterworth) Bain played a straight, liberal academic bat. Whatever else they've got, LBS have not got a servant of fashion.

BARRY FANTONI



'I've heard of keeping coal in the bath, but my dear — royal photos?'

There are three ways for organization men to go, the experts say: there's exit, "voice", or loyalty. The Civil Service is not very tolerant of "voice", meaning vocal dissent, though it knows a thing or two about the little coded phrase and the significant inflexion. So, sometimes additionally tempted by better money and perks, officials are beckoned by the exit.

One of the fall-outs of the considerable exiting of recent years has been a noticeable enhancement of public administration in the bodies they have exited to. Take, as an example, David Pickup, formerly an under-secretary in the Environment Department and a doer in the style that has taken Sir Terry Heiser to its top perch. Pickup's problem was that he believed in doing the *wrong things, like building public housing*, and showed the influence of his spell as the department's man in the North-east.

But the DoE's loss was first the gain of the Association of District Councils, where Pickup's skills have played a considerable role in putting what had been a sleepy organization on the political map. Now he has gone to run the Sports Council, one of *those quangos that, having survived the cull* ordered by Mrs T, is now impregnable. Look out for some marked improvements in sports administration.

Still intent on "lifting the burden", Lord Young has reshuffled the Department of Trade's enterprise and deregulation unit. Until now a civil servant has chaired the advisory panel on regulation. In future the chair will be occupied part-time by property developer Sir Nigel Mobbs, a director of Slough Estates. This reduces somewhat the role of the Civil Service director of the enterprise and deregulation unit. To fill the slot Lord Young has turned to DTI's regional offices, *in which he has* come to put great trust, and appointed his man in Manchester, Mike Baker.

Robin Oakley spells out the consequences of that pensions briefing

Lawson's amazing gaffe

Nigel Lawson is not built for wriggling, and he has rarely sounded less convincing than when trying on yesterday morning's *Today* programme to blame the furore over the Government's plans for pensioners on the press. Irresponsible journalism, he called it, and later told MPs that standards had slipped since his writing days. He should know better.

The sorry story began with a *lobby briefing last Friday by an* unnamed "senior minister", but the *Today* interviewer dragged out of him not only he was the minister but that the quotations were accurate. Yesterday afternoon, to defend himself, Lawson had to do a disservice to John Moore, the Social Security Secretary, by telling the Commons of a plan to introduce a new scheme to help genuinely poor pensioners. He says now that there are no plans to take away any existing benefits from pensioners. It is only a matter of what can be given *in addition, and it is those* extra benefits which are to be means-tested.

What has become clear in the Whitehall flurries is that the Chancellor had not consulted Moore before his briefing and that discussions on the new plan had not got down to details of the numbers to be involved or *the sums they are to receive in* the new benefits.

The Chancellor could scarcely have flown his kite at a more unfortunate time. Today the *House of Lords is due to vote on* the introduction of charges for eye tests, from which 6.5 million pensioners will not be exempt, after the Government squeaked through by only eight votes on the measure in the Commons. So it was politically inept to do anything which might prejudice the Government's prospects in the Lords' vote. It was also irresponsible to mention his long-term aims on benefits at all until the ground had been thoroughly prepared.

Fellow ministers have been aghast at the Chancellor's tactics, *recalling how much difficulty* they have had already on the charges for something as comparatively minor as eye tests and dental checks, not to mention the earlier cuts in housing benefit which infuriated elderly Conservatives with savings.

However correct the Chancellor and others may be technically in arguing that the pensioners' share of the national cake has increased, that in recent years pensions have increased *proportionately faster than earn*ings and that, at a time when 80 per cent of them enjoy occupational pensions, they are by no means all on the breadline, it is a message which has to be put across with sensitivity. And poor pensioners do not look like a "tiny minority" when two million require supplements on top of their pensions.

All the more damage has been done because the interpretations of what the Chancellor told the lobby correspondents on Friday chime in completely with other Government moves. Housing *benefit has been restricted. Child* benefit, a universal benefit paid without regard to income or contributions record, has now been frozen two years running and is clearly being allowed to wither on the vine, pending the introduction of some replacement more closely targeted on *those in need.*

Moore has criticized the untargeted welfare benefits which are spread across society "like a decorative overlay". And everybody knows that the Treasury, whose dearest economic ambition — apart from getting inflation back under control — is to reduce public spending still further as a proportion of national income, gnashes its collective teeth at the ever-burgeoning social security budget, up 60-fold since the war.

This year it will cost £46.2 billion out of a planning total of £145.7 billion. Next year (1988-89) it will swallow £47.6 billion, the year after that £51 billion and the year after that £55.3 billion. Pensioners, whose incomes rose *by 23 per cent in real terms* between 1979 and 1986, take around 40 per cent.

There is a real problem in that while there are at present 2.3 payers of national insurance contributions to support every pensioner, there will be an additional two million pensioners early in the next century and only 1.8 workers to support each one. But when Lawson and his Treasury colleagues hint at means tests as a way of distributing the money available more effectively to all those deserving cases they are supposedly so desperately keen to help, they elicit a weary "Oh yes?" from some Tories as well as from the Opposition.

MPs recall that the review of social security conducted in Norman Fowler's time as Secretary of State was designed to make the system more comprehensible, to lessen the poverty trap and to ensure that benefits better reached those who really needed them. But the Treasury ensured that it also became a means of saving the Government at least £450 million a year.

John Moore has played things better than the Chancellor. He has phrased his thoughts about better targeting as questions to be examined rather than as statements of intent. But the coded *language being used* both by him and Lawson really reflects a Treasury and Tory right-wing desire to get back into the business of revamping the welfare state and to re-run the Fowler reviews, which at the time were announced as a system which would last for 40 years.

What they have not yet found is a way of answering the fears of Tory MPs that many old people would be too proud to submit to examinations of their income and that universal benefits will have to be retained because of the low take-up of selective benefits.

Fowler spruced up the existing system, but the Government at that time was not prepared to take on the conscience-stricken middle classes in the search for deep cuts. Ministers as confident as Lawson in a third-term Tory government, and overweeningly confident of a fourth term too, are looking for radical revision.

But in raising the subject the way he has done, Lawson has given Labour a new theme to run with, at a time when polls already show the Tory vote slipping among the over-55s. He has alarmed his own party, brought out a new scheme that might have been a *political* winner when it was only half-baked, and, in all probability, has set back the cause of greater selectivity in Britain's welfare services.

Tim Congdon

Do those debts really matter?

If the next American president has read chapter 12 of *David Copperfield*, he will be a worried man. After decimalizing £20 and £20 0s 6d, and converting the numbers into dollars, Mr Micawber's famous warning about the dangers of expenditure exceeding income can be readily applied to the US today.

The US government is running a sizeable budget deficit to its own citizens and the American economy is incurring a substantial current-account payments deficit to the rest of the world. If Mr Micawber's doctrine is right, the next presidential term will see misery if the deficits continue and happiness only if they are somehow transformed into modest surpluses.

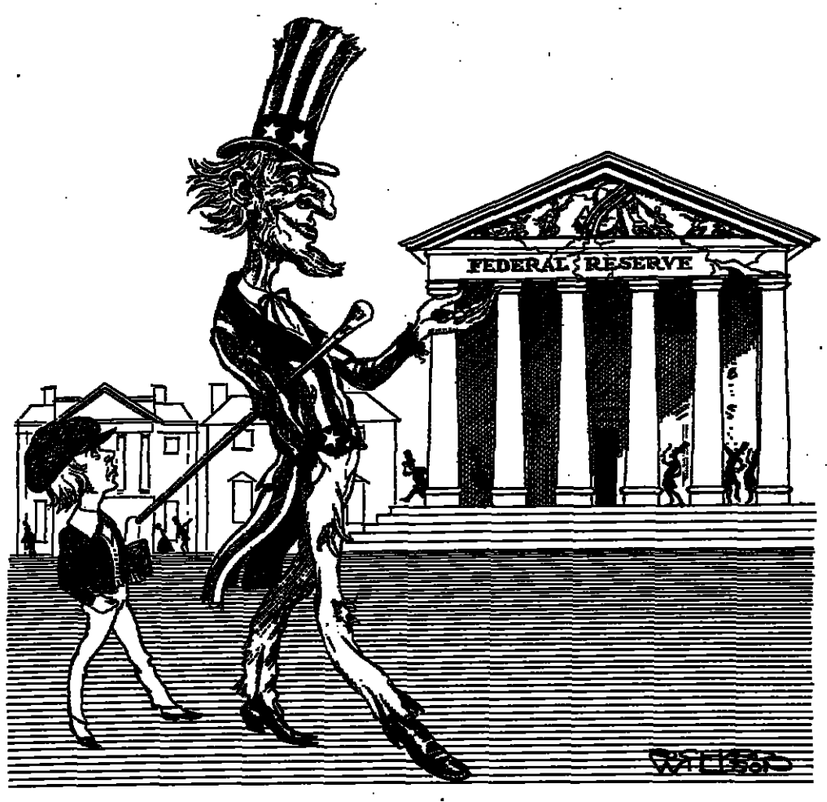
It will be risky to wait for *something to turn up. In some* respects the US external payments position is better at present than it ought to be. Low oil prices have helped — the US is the world's largest oil importer — and strong economic growth in Japan and Western Europe this year has boosted demand for American exports. The deficit on investment income is still quite small; this is temporary, however, because the inevitable persistence of payments deficits over the next few years implies more foreign debt and extra debt-servicing costs.

A snap conclusion would be that policy inactivity is dangerous. If the new administration does nothing, there is likely to be a widening of the payments *deficit when the transient* favourable influences unwind. According to Dr Allen Lenz, a director of the US Chemical Manufacturers Association, a $200 billion improvement in US manufactured trade is required to balance the current account by 1992, and this will be difficult to achieve without further substantial dollar depreciation.

But the gloom should not be overdone. The Micawber doctrine is not the only way of looking at international payments. Another set of ideas, perhaps best described as the libertarian view, pays more attention to the motives and actions which lie behind payments imbalance, and gives a more complacent message.

The essence of the libertarian view is that a payments deficit which reflects *private*-sector behaviour is not a policy problem and does not oblige the government to take corrective measures. The thinking behind it *is straightforward. Within nat*ional frontiers, people and companies are constantly engaged in borrowing and lending. In mature industrial societies this borrowing and lending is accepted as a normal feature of the free-market system, indeed as an activity no more remarkable or reprehensible than buying goods and selling them again.

Of course, some of the debts may not be honoured. But why should that bother the government? It may provide law courts, policemen, district surveyors, tax inspectors and the like to help sort out financial disagreements. But, as long as any disputes are resolved within the law, it has no special responsibility to either debtors or creditors.



We can regard current account imbalances between the US and Japan, or between Britain and West Germay, as also in large part the result of free decisions by free agents. It is possible that, as with debts within frontiers, debts across frontiers may not be paid.

But, *again, why should that* bother governments? As long as all the usual forms of legal arbitration are available, private-sector agents in the US and Japan, or in Britain and West Germany, or in any combinaton of countries we care to think of, can resolve disputes without resorting to force and without appealing to governments. In an open world economy, with a fairly free flow of goods and capital, debts between nations should no more trouble different governments than debts between individuals trouble the British government.

The libertarian approach does not preclude the existence of balance-of-payments problems. A sharp distinction has to be drawn between the private sector, generally presumed to be *profit-orientated, financially re*sponsible and economically sensible, and the public sector, which tends to be caricatured in this story as myopic, irresponsible and incompetent.

If a nation simultaneously has a public-sector budget deficit *and* an external payments deficit, the external deficit may be the result of mischievous public-sector overspending rather than well-judged private decisions. As it can be blamed on government, it is a policy problem and needs to be corrected.

The libertarian approach has an obvious extension. If a country has a current account deficit on the balance of payments and its government runs a budget surplus, the external deficit must be attributable to private-sector *borrowing from abroad. Such* private-sector borrowing is not a valid concern of policy-makers. This argument has been picked up by Sir Terence Burns, the Government's chief economic adviser, and included in several of the Chancellor's speeches. It is the official riposte to criticism of Britain's large current account deficit, now exceeding 3 per cent of GDP.

But the libertarian view can equally be applied to the US, whose payments deficit also exceeds 3 per cent of *GDP. It* does not, at first sight, exonerate the US government as easily as it does the British, because the US *government still has a budget* deficit. However, many other countries need to be brought into the reckoning. If American public finance bears a special responsibility for the unusually large current account deficit, we would expect the US budget deficit to be higher, as a share of GDP, than in the rest of the industrial world.

That is not the case. According to the latest issue of the OECD's *Economic Outlook*, the US goverment deficit in 1988 will be 2.3 per cent of GDP, less than 2.5 per cent in France, 2.6 per cent in West Germany, 3.3 per cent in Canada and 10.2 per cent in Italy. The 2.3 per cent figure will be virtually identical to the average of both the seven largest (or "G7") countries and the OECD area as a whole.

It seems to follow that the exceptional American payments imbalance reflects private-sector behaviour, not public-sector financial misdemeanours. It also seems to be unfair for foreign governments, including the British *government, to identify the US* federal deficit as the prime cause of continuing international financial instability.

*Indeed, a consistent applica*tion of the libertarian argument excuses the US government from the need to impose a deflationary answer to the payments deficit. The underlying reality may be that the US is simply a very profitable place to carry out business. As such, it can easily finance a large payments deficit from internationally mobile, private-sector capital flows. The libertarian view provides a neat intellectual justification for the apparent indifference of both presidential candidates to the deficit.

Neither Mr Micawber nor his libertarian antagonist has the final answer to the vexed question of what constitutes a balance-of-payments problem. *After all the difficulties of theory* and definition, the most telling criticism of American financial policy in the 1980s is that it marks a humiliating historical retreat from the traditions of a balanced federal budget and a strong dollar which were once so well entrenched. However clever the libertarian argument for recent financial permissiveness, Mr Micawber may have had the right idea all along.

Commentary • JIRI VALENTA

Bush's eastern backers

Moscow's line on US presidential elections is that it is prepared to deal with whoever is elected. Nevertheless, it usually prefers one candidate over the other. Despite a long-standing preference for dealing with liberal Democrats such as Franklin Roosevelt and John Kennedy, in the last few decades Moscow has tended to favour conservative or centrist Republicans with whom it has already dealt and who promise continuity.

At times Gorbachov's predecessors seemingly acted to favour the prospects of a certain candidate. At other times they merely exploited the election-year paralysis of US leaders to advance Soviet strategic goals, apparently regardless of election repercussions. Gorbachov, by contrast, engages in subtle public diplomacy designed to dissipate Americans' belief in a Soviet threat. This is a long-term policy geared to bring results regardless of who becomes president.

In the past the Soviets disliked above all unpredictable presidents influenced by strong religious and moral "biases", such as Jimmy Carter. They also disliked *virulently* anti-communist, conservative Republicans like Richard Nixon (1960), Barry Goldwater (1964), and Ronald Reagan (1976, 1980, and 1984). They observed, however, that such leaders can gradually move to the centre, as both Nixon and Reagan did.

Thus, in the post-Stalin era, the Soviets have tended to prefer Republicans like Eisenhower, the second-term Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford and Reagan's heir, George Bush. Unburdened by the Democrats' image of being "soft on communism", such Republicans have not had to demonstrate to the electorate their anti-communist credentials. Republican presidents, furthermore, have favoured greater trade with the Soviet Union; there has been no Republican-backed grain embargo. As the Soviet analyst Fyodor Burlatsky put it, "In our hearts we prefer the Democrats; in our minds, the Republicans."

Second, the Soviets opt for well-known candidates in preference to unfamiliar liberal Democrats like Adlai Stevenson, George McGovern and Michael Dukakis and centrist Democrat Jimmy Carter. Kennedy, prospering from Khrushchev's *strong anti-Nixon bias, was the* single exception to this rule.

Third, Moscow prefers continuity in the US leadership, abhorring abrupt changes and the subsequent need to rearrange its pattern of conduct *vis-à-vis* Washington. For example, at Helsinki in 1975, Brezhnev gave the incumbent *Gerald* Ford his private endorsement, and the Soviet foreign minister, Andrei Gromyko, did so in September 1976 on the basis of Ford's ability to deliver continuity.

Preferring certain candidates, the Soviets have tried to influence various US elections. Stalin did so, ineptly, in 1948, by publicly supporting Henry Wallace's peace initiatives — and in the process helping Harry Truman; Khrushchev did so craftily; Brezhnev was more direct. Yuri Andropov and Konstantin Chernenko had no opportunity. Gorbachov, though a relative novice, has already displayed considerable aptitude.

The principal Soviet tactic in 1960 was to deny Nixon any association with the US-Soviet policy of rapprochement. Thus, Khrushchev refused to release Gary Powers, captured pilot of the U-2 spy plane, until after the election to undermine Nixon's alleged ability to deal with the Kremlin. This ploy, in Khrushchev's own words, "gave Kennedy the edge he needed". *During the 1964 election*, by contrast, Khrushchev quickly released the crew of a US reconnaissance aircraft shot down over East Germany to avoid prejudicing Johnson's re-election campaign.

Presidential elections also give the Soviets a chance to make *strategic gains by exploiting the* paralysis of American leaders. In 1968 North Vietnam, backed by Moscow, agreed to open negotiations to end the Vietnam war and, in 1972, to conclude a peace treaty, first with eager Democrats and later with an eager Republican administration. *Both* offers were subsequently violated by North Vietnam.

In 1976, apparently putting strategic goals above efforts to abet "their" candidate, Gerald Ford, Moscow sought to profit from America's election-year standstill by intervening in Angola. As Soviet officials boasted, "Once again the Yankees have handcuffed themselves for most of the year and they won't be looking at us."

In 1988 Gorbachov dramatically altered Soviet election-time behaviour by trying to influence the process *before* the primaries, principally to undercut anti-Soviet Republican candidates. Thus the Soviet publicity campaign during the Washington summit of December 1987 sought to convince Americans that the Soviet Union was no longer the enemy.

Moscow's main interest in 1988 is to continue the negotiating momentum reached under the Reagan administration. It believes that Bush, despite tough rhetoric, would resume a serious dialogue without much delay. *But Dukakis, in spite of his* qualities, would have to prove in the first years of his presidency that he is not "soft on communism", and this could mean a delay.

While having serious doubts about Bush, Moscow is even more uncertain about Dukakis. *The last thing it wants is to* experiment with an unpredictable, "wishy-washy" administration. In the view of one Soviet analyst, it took Moscow seven years to "straighten out" Reagan and it doesn't want to wait another seven for the transformation of a new president.

What the Soviets do not acknowledge is that the Reagan "transformation" corresponded to a new Soviet moderation and a willingness to negotiate. Gorbachov may be discovering that by forgoing the interventionism of the past — which influenced the US electorate in favour of anti-Soviet candidates — Moscow stands a much greater chance of improving the sinister Soviet image among the US electorate.

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The Monte Bello Islands lie off the north-west coast of Australia. About 5,000 square miles were declared a prohibited area for the test on November 3, which was under the scientific direction of Dr W.G. Penney (now Lord Penney, OM, FRS).

ATOMIC TEST AIDS CIVIL DEFENCE

"A personal account from a scientist" was the description given by DR. W.G. PENNEY to his talk, broadcast by the BBC last night, on the explosion of Britain's first atomic weapon.

. . . Dr Penney said that the test was planned to get as much novel information as possible for Civil Defence. "The decision was made to explode the weapon in a ship moored near land, thus simulating an explosion in a port. The ship was to be equipped as a scientific transmitting station, sending out by radio a vast number of measurements about the nuclear explosion before the equipment was destroyed. More scientific apparatus was to be placed on the islands to record other phenomena such as blast, heat, and radioactivity . . .

"An elaborate trial, like the one at Monte Bello, is not completed without some anxious moments. Fortunately there were not many, but the night before D-1 Day was, perhaps, our worst spell. *In order to get the right* winds at the time of the explosion we had to choose a period of strong winds for both D-1 Day and D-Day. We got the strong winds all right! The winds were so strong that we were not sure that the boats could get the scientists all round the islands to make the final adjustments of their instruments. However, as always, the Navy and the Marines rose to the occasion and the work was completed . . .

"With much relief, the firing clock was started . . . We all faced away from the explosion as the last few seconds were counted over the loud-speakers. Suddenly there was an intense flash, visible all round the horizon. We turned round to look. The sight before our eyes was terrifying — a great, greyish black cloud being hurled thousands of feet into the air and increasing in size with astonishing rapidity. A great sandstorm suddenly sprang up over the islands. It seemed ages before we heard the bang, but in fact it was only a minute.

"To our surprise, a second bang — at least as loud as the first — followed seconds later . . . The first bang was the direct sound wave, and the second was a reflection from a layer of warm air some two miles up."

Commenting on the difference between the cloud at Monte Bello and the mushroom cloud in most American pictures of atomic explosions, Dr Penney said the great weight of the mud and water in the cloud at Monte Bello kept the cloud from rising very far. "Even so, the top of the cloud at Monte Bello rose just two miles above the sea . . . The peculiar Z-shape of the cloud 10 minutes or so after the explosion was due to the strong winds blowing in quite different directions at different heights . . .

" . . . We were keen on getting ultra-rapid photographs of the very early stages, when the fire-ball began to burst through the ship. No camera can be bought with the speed that we wanted and so we designed and build our own. We ran our camera in such a way that it took about 100 pictures at intervals of 10 microseconds . . . The exposure time for each picture was one ten-millionth of a second!"

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THE LAST STUMP

The US election campaign, which ends today after 18 months, has been described in the usual exaggerated terms as the dullest, the dirtiest, the most negative in this century. It has certainly not looked that way from here.

One candidate, Governor Dukakis, appeared to have a substantial lead during the summer. All the indications are now that he is going to lose what can properly be called a race — which is not a word easily applied to the election of 1984.

The allegation of "negative dirt" comes from those who are sorry that the Democratic Party is about to lose the fourth out of the last five presidential contests. They have been chastened to discover that an apparently impressive candidate was so vulnerable to a straightforward conservative assault. In that discovery lies more than a simple point about negativism.

The pivotal question of American politics of the last decade has been the nature of the Democratic Party. The basic Republican beliefs have not altered greatly or been put under great strain. The recovery from Watergate was swift. But the Democratic Party has been riven by the effects of Vietnam, by the objections in its natural constituency to the social effects of the sixties liberal reforms and by the insistent stresses of America's responsibilities as a world power.

At the same time, demographic change was strengthening the Republican "lock" on the electoral college. It has become increasingly clear that the party lacks a solid base of agreed philosophy from which to mount a recovery.

Last July, the Democrats thought that they had a found a leader who would take them out of their darkness. Governor Dukakis ran the government of an economically successful state; he raised a large campaign fund and survived an early hiccup by sacking his chief adviser, demonstrating self-sufficiency and toughness in one move.

He had no skeletons in his cupboard; he seemed capable of sounding both tough and tender. He secured the Democratic nomination with arguments which a few neglected voices warned would be hard to sell to the electorate at large. But that did not worry the Democrats. Mr George Bush, making an awkward transition from vice-president to candidate, looked an ideal target for some negative campaigning. Chortling at a stream of jokes at his expense, the party convention celebrated a new unity and sense of purpose.

All that turned upside down in the course of a few months. Some of the causes were straightforward bad political tactics. Mr Bush saved the bulk of his campaign ammunition for the last lap, President Reagan beginning to campaign actively only relatively late. The less experienced Dukakis team made errors which their more seasoned counterparts on the other side would have avoided. Many Democrats are already preparing post-mortems which pin most of the blame on the Governor.

But the gloomy outlook which faces the Democratic candidate this morning is more than the responsibility of a single candidate. Mr Dukakis set out to bridge the gap between what it takes to win the Democratic nomination and the expectations of the voters he needed to swing back nationally. The distance between Democratic activists and the Reagan Democrats could not be covered by ideology. The solution was a campaign around the slogan of "competence".

This was inept. The voter was bound to ask: competence for *what*? The more answers they listened to, the more confused they became about a Dukakis presidency.

Competence was supposed to cover gaps between a variety of possible Democratic positions, gaps between the Governor and Jesse Jackson, or between the Governor and his more conservative running mate, Senator Bentsen. Through those gaps, the Republicans drove a series of questions about patriotism and law and order.

Voters found these more important benchmarks than the issues on which they were supposed to be suspicious of a Republican continuity — the economy, the stock market crash, the Iran-Contra affair. They turned out to suspect the Governor's commitment to basic values which Americans want their president to symbolize.

As he moved from stump to stump, Governor Dukakis's response to these attacks was telling. It was strangely unemotional. He seemed incapable of demonstrating that patriotic values were a matter of visceral importance, not mere inclusions in the repertoire of a competent president.

He did not seem to know which way to jump on the issues chosen by the Bush camp. On the requirement of teachers by law to recite the oath of allegiance there are full-throated liberal and conservative arguments against coercion. They remained unsaid, presumably because of the fear that, if voiced, they would deepen the suspicions of the "Reagan Democrats" whose loyalty it was so important to recover.

That uncertainty which paralysed Governor Dukakis when it mattered most goes to the heart of the Democratic dilemma and the Republican success. The Vice-President has shown that when he was in trouble, he had enough sense of what mattered to a majority in the country he wants to lead; his opponent did not.

That bond between the elected and the electorate is a basic building block of successful political leadership. The United States will be lucky to have another president who starts with that advantage.

MR HURD'S GARDEN

The Home Secretary cannot be accused of taking the great barons of broadcasting for granted. Every important clause of yesterday's White Paper had emerged in advance. It matters little whether the information was "leaked" or the interested parties were "consulted"; the ground for the biggest changes since the creation of independent television has been well prepared.

Mr Hurd can be excused his caution. It is only five years since torrents of outraged abuse followed the call in these columns for an end to the duopoly of ITV and BBC, the auctioning of franchises, the phasing out of the licence fee, an inquiry into alternative means of funding and a tighter definition of public service broadcasting.

All of those ideas have subsequently taken root. The changes in attitude have been remarkable — even by the standards of Mrs Thatcher's most iconoclastic successes — but the White Paper proposals have still met predictably hostile responses. More are certain to come. Mr Roy Hattersley's scare-mongering rhetoric in the House of Commons yesterday will find many imitators.

The Government's proposals are both bold and coherent — but they are, inevitably, a leap in the dark. We feared that Mr Hurd might with one hand offer deregulation to commercial TV while with the other protect his neck by piling up "public service" obligations. He has not done so. He has not tried to have his cake and eat it — and for that he deserves more praise than he won yesterday.

The Government has also resisted the temptation to favour one of the merging technologies or industries over any other. The same chances will be available to all commercial concerns. "Preparing the ground" is not just a public relations technique for the Home Secretary. He believes, as he says, in creating "a garden in which many flowers may bloom" not a predictive "blueprint" of what the viewers will want or which broadcasters will succeed.

The reforms do, however, have the advantage of going with the general grain of technological and political change. Television pictures can be supplied now in so many different technical means — by satellite, cable and microwave in addition to the traditional channels — that both the arguments for control and the possibilities for control are vastly weaker than they were in the 1950s when commercial TV began. Politically, the people of Britain are more demanding of choice, more sceptical of bureaucracies' claims to know best.

Mr Hurd will need to continue to be bold. For his White Paper has another virtue. It puts long-term consistency above the avoidance of short-term squabbles and squalls.

None of the options for the future of Channel Four, for example, supposes a continuing relationship with its current supporters in Channel Three. For the immediate future it is hard to see the present independent contractors seeing their erstwhile infant as anything than a future enemy. It may be hard to keep the peace.

The IBA is already showing itself reluctant to give up its hold on the levers of regulation. Its Director General, Mr John Whitney, spoke yesterday of the new Independent Broadcasting Commission as though he were already in charge of it. He should be disabused of this view.

The BBC can congratulate itself on a cleaner bill of management health from the Government than it could have dreamt of even two years ago. But, partly as a consequence of that, it is certain to fight hard against the proposal that it be allowed to sell only half of its airtime at night.

The Home Secretary wants it to use the night time to experiment with raising revenue from subscription but is allowing it only one of its channels to do so. The BBC could be forgiven for seeing Mr Hurd's "nudge" towards eventually replacing the licence by subscription revenue as more akin to a shove. It can reasonably claim that if the Government wants to see a success made from one of the most uncertain areas of an increasingly uncertain industry, it should give it the best possible tools.

All those involved in broadcasting — programme-makers, advertisers, regulators, viewers — face a period of turbulence. The Government has rightly rejected the advice of the Opposition to impose the constraints of the old world upon the prospects of the new. But the results, though certainly preferable to vain attempts to preserve the status quo, will not be easy to predict.

Advertisers, whose needs have long been the most neglected in the broadcasting debate, will need to make the biggest adjustments. They have lost the battle to sell their products through the BBC and will soon see the fragmentation of the commercial mass-market for viewers on which they have come to rely.

There are massive opportunities here for better targeted advertisements, lower costs, and a significant boost for the economy as a whole. But, as in all gardens, none of the rewards will be won without a struggle.

Ginger group

From the Reverend D. Campbell Stewart

Sir, Nowadays shops sell gingerbread men throughout all seasons of the year, according them the same treatment that they dish out to Christmas puddings, hot cross buns and Easter eggs, all of which once had their own distinctive places in the calendar.

I have vague childhood memories that gingerbread men appeared once and only once a year, possibly around Shrove Tuesday. Others have suggested as possible dates Hallowe'en or Christmas, but confirmation is lacking.

A delightful but unsubstantiated suggestion is that these figures were originally images of saints pedalled at medieval fairs under the name of the saint whose day was currently being observed. If this were so, different parts of the country might have different seasons for promoting sales of gingerbread men in the interests of their local saints.

It would be a pity if this fragment (dare one say a crumb?) of our heritage were lost while there are still valuable memories to be recorded, perhaps even in your own columns.

Yours faithfully,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A means to end means-testing

From Mr David Hobman

Sir, It is sad that any debate about the financial well-being of large numbers of older people in this country is bedevilled by the emotion-laden term of "means-testing". This immediately diverts attention from any constructive discussions of how best to help those who suffer most.

Given that current Conservative approaches are based upon targeting, and that to each according to his needs, from each according to his abilities are basic tenets of socialism, it is difficult to see why there should be these largely contrived confrontations about the principles upon which income maintenance should be administered within the real world, where resources are finite.

Of course, the amounts shift from one group to another, and the methods employed to effect the transfers will always be a matter for legitimate political debate. There is also plenty of evidence to confirm that any benefit which has to be processed through a complex bureaucratic machine, in which the potential consumers need to be literate, numerate, and energetic will be grossly under-used. I suspect that *all* Treasury calculations under *all* governments have been based on far less than complete take-up.

It is also a fact that the present generations of very old people include those who have suffered poverty through most of their lives. They have an understandable loathing of the process in which supplicants had to humiliate themselves at the hands of representatives of the Poor Law, and charities seeking "virtuous" beneficiaries during their early years. In my work as the (then) Director of Age Concern England I was often told how the dreadful experiences old people endured have left lasting scars.

But the process of income-tax relief itself does not cause an uproar, and so the solution to eliminating poverty, at any age, must lie within a system of tax credits in which levels of need in particular circumstances can be identified, agreed, and met within a dynamic and equitable system. This would not rely upon abstract "averages", or even the mythical man on the Clapham omnibus, but on the uniqueness of each of us as an individual human being.

Yours etc.,
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Trial by jury

From Professor Michael Zander

Sir, The main thrust of your series on the jury (October 24-26) was that the system would work much better if the method of selection were improved. This view derives little support from existing research.

The Juries Act 1974 dramatically increased the number of women and younger persons serving on juries. But Home Office research, based on a before-and-after study, found that the change produced no statistically significant alteration in the acquittal rate.

Similarly, the study by Drs J. Baldwin and M. McConville of 326 Birmingham juries in 1975 and 1976 found that "the presence of women, younger, or working-class jurors appeared to make no difference to jury results."

The Crown Prosecution Service study of some 3,000 crown court cases showed that use of peremptory challenge was associated with a *higher*, not lower, conviction rate (59 per cent against 51 per cent where there were no challenges: *Criminal Law Review 1988*, p. 737).

Tinkering with the composition of the jury, whether through raising the age limit, abolishing peremptory challenge, introducing literary or intelligence tests, tightening up on the randomness of the selection process, or eliminating disqualified jurors, will probably make little or no measurable impact on the result of cases.

Yours sincerely,
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Survival at the poly

From Professor G. T. Fowler

Sir, In your Diary of October 25 David Walker states that the calibre of polytechnic directors is "to put it kindly, variable". So is the calibre of journalists, and of editors, and of many other groups. I cannot, however, see how it follows that, in "a clash between (academic) standards and income-generation", polytechnic directors are all firmly on the side of "survival" — whatever that means.

The only evidence adduced for this odd proposition is that three of us have political connections, two others were formerly staff members of the Department of Education and Science or HM Inspectorate, and one other is allegedly "pugnacious". The last then has attributed to him views which he does not hold. A similar list might be made of, for example, university vice-chancellors of recent years.

I resent, both personally and on behalf of my colleagues, Mr Walker's suggestion that we are not resolute in our defence of academic standards. Our institutions, and our colleagues in the Council for National Academic Awards, are proud of our record in maintaining standards. It is the universities, not we, who are, *through* the Sutherland committee, having a second bite at that cherry — and we wholeheartedly support their efforts.

There is no conflict whatsoever between the maintenance of standards and income-generation. Any additional income we generate goes to the improvement of teaching and research, staffing standards, library and equipment provision, our physical environment, and student amenities. The logic by which Mr Walker can equate not-so-genteel poverty with standards escapes me.

Yours etc.,
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Putting art 'experts' in their place

From Professor John Pick

Sir, There will I suspect be much sympathy for Ronald Butt's argument (November 3) that what is wrong with the "art" of our time is that it is the product of "experts" and that the views of laymen are too little considered. As a result we suffer both from the extremes of modernism and from the crassness of many arts bureaucrats, who consider that "art" is significant only when it plays a part in economic development.

"Experts" in the arts do indeed often display a profound contempt for the views of laymen, but rather more disturbing, in my opinion, is the massive ignorance they so often display of their own cultural history. They take refuge in supporting *avant-garde* rubbish with subsidy, or propounding specious nonsense about the arts' economic role in "urban renaissance" because they have no knowledge or understanding of why poetry, music, theatre, or indeed the look of our towns and cities for so long mattered to so many people.

Nor do the "experts" know anything about those long periods in our cultural history when large numbers of people seem to have chosen the best, without expert advice.

Ronald Butt asks how we can bring back good judgement into building and promoting other works of art. It is not an easy question to answer. One route, however, lies in putting back a study of cultural history, and the development of the creative and critical faculties in art, into our school curricula and back into our higher-education system.

A second is to appoint to key positions in the Arts Council, BBC, and other bodies people who are educated in our cultural history and who are not simply successful businessmen, fashionable economists, or property developers.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN PICK,
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Barbican, Silk Street, EC2.
November 3.

From Professor A. Kennaway

Sir, It is ironic that the attack on architecture concentrates on aesthetics at a time when buildings are increasingly suffering from poor performance and when the construction departments of major law firms are expanding as a result.

Most faults are attributable to design error, much of it due to incorrect choice or misuse of materials, even traditional ones. At the same time, students of architecture consciously reject injection of technical subjects into their courses. One wonders what is usefully learned during a seven-year course.

Yours faithfully,
A. KENNAWAY,
12 Fairholme Crescent,
Ashtead, Surrey.
November 5.

Prince and architects

From Mr A. W. Sibley

Sir, As one whose life has been devoted to the cleaning and maintenance of buildings of all kinds in the City of London I was delighted to hear the Prince of Wales speak out in favour of the aesthetic (report, October 29).

Cleaners see buildings at close quarters from every possible angle — and the experience is rarely pleasant. The architect who considers the cleaning and maintenance of a building is rare and many buildings are designed without any consideration for after-care — the materials used are difficult and time-consuming to clean (and sometimes impossible).

The larger and newer buildings tend to have the highest occupational running costs. More thought is given to space, light, and design; there is an increased tendency to use air conditioning; and there is more sophisticated equipment around, such as computers. All this requires materials that cost more to repair, clean, and maintain.

In the City of London escalating costs are cramming more and more people into smaller and smaller spaces. People are working longer, lunching and even breakfasting at their desks — all factors which have a significant impact on cleanliness and tidiness.

Yours faithfully,
A. W. SIBLEY (Chairman),
SBS City Cleaning,
21-23 Stepney Green, E1.
November 3.

From Mr Dennis Harrison

Sir, The President-elect of the RIBA (report, October 29) and Mr H. A. Jones (letter, November 2) are both wrong when they suggest that we can rely upon the planning system to preserve us from the worst excesses of modern architecture.

Planning authorities are now hamstrung by the "guidance" of the Department of the Environment which they must follow under the expressed threat of having to pay the costs of appeal inquiries if they don't.

Authorities were told by a Department of Environment circular (Planning Policy Guidance Note, no. 1) as recently as January last year that they should generally not interfere in matters of detailed design, especially in an architect-designed scheme. It said, "Aesthetics is an extremely subjective matter" and "Planning authorities should not impose their tastes on developers simply because they believe them to be superior."

With the ground cut from beneath their feet in this way, especially the more timorous authorities will leave the design of most buildings to their architects and those who commission them. The Government should now respond to public opinion by restoring their teeth to the planning authorities.

Yours faithfully,
DENNIS HARRISON,
55 Cerne Abbas,
The Avenue, Poole, Dorset.

From Mr Terence Mullaly

Sir, It is sad that a member of the Department of Architecture at Cambridge, Mr Colin St J. Wilson (November 2), should resuscitate a hoary old untruth about Potemkin villages in order to castigate Prince Charles for his views on architecture.

The slander that Potemkin built sham villages in order to impress Catherine II — and indeed "*Potemkinsche Dörfer*" became an accepted phrase in German — was due to the Saxon diplomat Helbig. He was an inveterate gossip, and there is not a shred of evidence to support his story.

On the contrary, the Comte de Ségur, the French diplomat, who was a discerning witness, and the Prince de Ligne, the great soldier and courtier, although both at times critical of Potemkin, specifically denied this calumny.

Yours faithfully,
TERENCE MULLALY,
Waterside House, Lower Street,
Pulborough, West Sussex.
November 2.

Back to year dot

From Professor S. Piggott, FBA

Sir, Philip Howard ("New Words for Old", November 1) raises a fascinating point — when was the chronological abbreviation "BC" first used?

I have just completed a study of the early antiquaries up to 1800 and find that when they venture into absolute chronology, no one uses BC. Reckoning is made from the Creation, the year of the world, *anno mundi* (William Stukeley, writing between 1724 and 1743, uses AM).

This date was originally computed in Greek by Eusebius, Bishop of Caesarea, in the third century AD and amended in Latin by St Jerome in the fourth; early modern scholars such as Joseph Scaliger turned to the problem in the late 16th century.

Archbishop Ussher, in the 1650s, revised the figures again, and his date of 4004 BC, printed in the margin of the Authorised Version of the Bible from 1701, was generally accepted in England, though a scholar in the mid-18th century noted that from 70 to 75 variants were around in his day.

Mr Howard notes the Jewish date; another, that of the Greek Orthodox Church, was used in the AM dating of the Imperial Russian calendar that persisted up to the revolution.

BC must be a 19th-century innovation. I (and I am sure Mr Howard) would be delighted if readers can supply dated examples.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
STUART PIGGOTT,
The Cottage,
West Challow,
Wantage, Oxfordshire.
November 2.

Beating the brain

From Mr Vincent Duffy

Sir, Your article on computers playing chess (Technology, November 1) stated, "with chess, the number of moves is relatively limited . . ."

The late C. H. O'D. Alexander wrote, in *A Book of Chess*, that if we modestly assume a 40-move game and assume that for each white move and black reply there are 10 reasonable possibilities, we emerge with 10^{40} possible games.

If one million computers have each been playing one billion games per second since the creation of the solar system we will still have ploughed through one ten-millionth of the work. I rest my case.

Yours faithfully,
V. P. DUFFY,
4 Greenacres,
Werrington,
Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.
November 3.

Clear policy for congested roads

From Mr G. P. Crow

Sir, In your leader of November 4 you put your finger on the nub of the problem of urban traffic congestion. New roads built in or around very congested cities are almost bound to fill up, just as would a new drain in a waterlogged field. Unlike pipes, however, roads cannot perform at maximum efficiency when the pressure is high, for congestion sets in and capacity is reduced to the point where they appear to be self-defeating.

However, it would be quite wrong to think, as you seem to suggest, that *not* building roads is necessarily the answer in situations where greater congestion might be generated. Some new roads are urgently required — simply to cater more satisfactorily for the traffic that is important to the economy and general well-being, and also to allow for much-needed environmental improvements, traffic-free precincts, and so on in shopping and residential areas. The thing to do is to make sure they *don't* congest.

The secret of success in areas where there is a high level of suppressed demand is first, to have more attractive public-transport services; secondly, to control the use of roads generally by selective restraint measures; and then, if necessary, to limit the use of *new roads* by restricting the number (and possibly the kind) of vehicles that can get on to them at certain times of the day.

What is needed is not less transport planning but better and more effective transport planning, of a kind which really faces up to the realities.

Yours faithfully,
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Imperial College Road, SW7.
November 4.

From Mr M. S. Collins

Sir, Your leader of November 4 stated that "transport planning may involve thinking the hitherto unthinkable" and went on to suggest, "maybe *not* building roads where greater congestion would be generated".

It is now exactly 25 years since the Buchanan report introduced the concept of demand management to restrain the optional use of cars in urban areas. In the event, this has not proved to be an acceptable policy. Hence, the only alternative is traffic congestion. However, because we cannot at present predict the total effects of congestion, I submit that our current thinking on transportation investment should be re-examined.

I would suggest a policy of maximum flexibility combined with minimum fixed commitment. This implies a greater emphasis on comprehensive and continuous traffic management, together with a lesser emphasis on highway construction and permanent parking structures in our urban planning.

Yours faithfully,
M. S. COLLINS,
30 Greenways,
Eaton, Norwich, Norfolk.
November 4.

Role of the Church

From Mr George Thomas

Sir, Clifford Longley states (article, October 22) that the churches have contributed to the view that the nation should be able to look to Parliament for every variety of leadership — moral, political, social, even spiritual — Parliament being the supreme and representative body of the community in all its aspects. Such a vision is a myth.

Why are the churches so anxious to thrust a role on Government which should so obviously be their own? There is a limit to what Government can alone achieve. A society in which the citizenry have designated the Government as responsible for their moral commitments to their fellows, thereby relieving themselves of any individual responsibility, will not succeed practically or spiritually.

Souls will not be saved by explaining at the gate that they voted for moral governments every four years or so and so felt nothing more was required of them.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE THOMAS,
17 Campden Hill Square, W8.

A pinch of salt

From Mr F. M. F. Walker

Sir, What constitutes an "additive" in these ecological days?

During the course of this week I have been urged to buy reproduction papyri wherein I am assured that the basic writing material is made using "pure Nile water". Did they mean "untreated Nile water"? If so, I find the mystique to be severely diminished.

Similarly, a commercial wholefood recipe for pitta bread recommends the use of sea salt since "sea salt has *no* additives". A bold claim, I feel. The Almighty for many years now has arranged that sea water shall contain small amounts of virtually every known element, including the heavy metals.

To answer St Matthew's question, the salt may have lost its savour, but with hype it can still *command a premium*.

Yours faithfully,
F. M. F. WALKER,
7 Cassiobury Park Avenue,
Watford, Hertfordshire.
November 2.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 7: The Duke of Edinburgh, attended by the Lord Buxton, arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening from Hong Kong.

His Royal Highness, Patron, later attended a dinner for the British Association for Shooting and Conservation at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, London SW1.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 7: The Prince and Princess of Wales left RAF Northolt this morning for Paris in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight at the start of their visit to France.

Their Royal Highnesses were received by Brigadier P. C. Bowser, representing Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, and Monsieur J. de Bouillane de Lacoste, Minister Counsellor at the French Embassy.

Sir John Riddell, Bt, Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith, Mr David Wright, Mr Robin Janvrin, Mr Philip Mackie, Surgeon-Commander Anthony Osborne and Major Christopher Lavender were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 7: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, today visited Liverpool and was received on arrival at Liverpool Airport by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Merseyside (Wing Commander K. M. Stoddart).

Her Royal Highness opened Mercury Court and the Art and The Sea Gallery at the Merseyside Maritime Museum.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by The Hon Mrs Whitehead.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 7: The Duke of Gloucester this morning opened the David Briant Indoor Bowls Centre, Cliftonville, Margate, and later opened the new buildings at Thanet Technical College, Broadstairs, Kent.

His Royal Highness, attended by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 7: The Duchess of Kent today attended a Fashion Show in aid of the Friends of the Victoria and Albert Museum at Osterley Park House, Middlesex.

Mrs Alan Henderson was in attendance.

Birthdays today

The Marquess of Abergavenny, 74; Professor Christiaan Barnard, heart transplant pioneer, 66; Air Marshal Sir Norman Coslett, 79; Mr Alain Delon, actor, 53; Mr Ken Dodd, comedian and singer, 57; Miss Elizabeth Gale, opera singer, 40; Mr Edward Goldsmith, ecologist, 60; Mr Frederick Gore, painter, 75; Mr D.A. Head, former chairman, Rolls-Royce and Associates, 63; Dr G.R. Higginson, vice-chancellor, Southampton University, 59; Mr Justice Leggatt, 58; Sir Richard Luyt, former vice-chancellor, University of Cape Town, 73; Professor Robert McWhirter, radiologist, 84; Sir Denis Mahon, art historian, 78; Viscount Mountgarret, 52; Mr Martin Peters, footballer, 45; Sir James Redmond, former director of engineering, BBC, 70; Mr William Reid, former director, National Army Museum, 62; Mr Tamás Vasary, pianist and conductor, 55; Mr Fulke Walwyn, racehorse trainer, 78.

Reception

India Association (UK)
The Right Hon Sir Rhodes Boyson, MP, sponsored a Reception for the India Association (UK) North London Branch on Friday, November 4 at the House of Commons. The Chairman of the Association, Dr Mahendar Sodhi, along with Mrs Sodhi, welcomed the guests, who included The High Commissioner for India, Mr Rasgotra, and Mrs Rasgotra and Mr and Mrs Sarosh Zaiwalla.

The Downs School, Colwall

The Governors of The Downs School, Colwall, announce the appointment of Mr A.H. Auster, currently Director of Music at Shrewsbury School, as Headmaster from April 1989.

Mr R.L. Arrowsmith

A memorial service for Mr R.L. Arrowsmith will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 1989, at 2.30pm in Memorial Chapel, Charterhouse, Godalming, Surrey.

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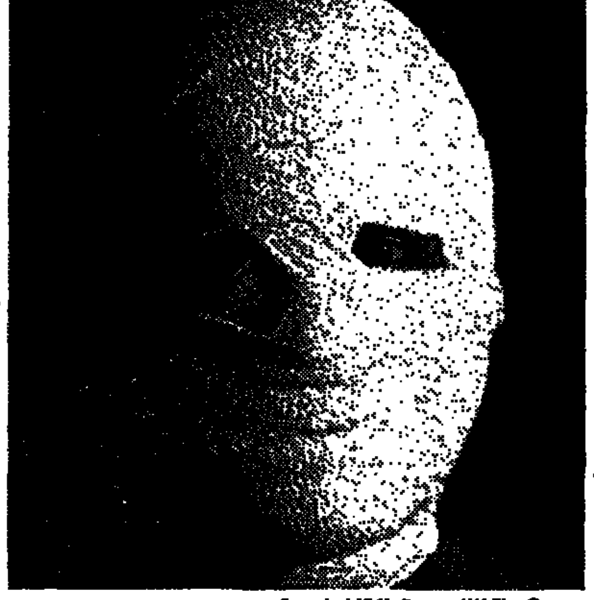

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Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, Senior Fellow, will present the Fellowship of Engineering's MacRobert Award at Buckingham Palace at 10.00; and will attend a reception for the Royal Philanthropic Society at Buckingham Palace at 11.30. As Patron of the Shire Horse Society he will attend a council meeting at Buckingham Palace at 3.30.

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will visit the Lord Leycester Hospital in Warwick at 11.30 to mark its quatrocentenary; as Colonel-in-Chief, will open The Queen's Own Hussars Museum, and will visit the Warwickshire Association for the Blind Resource Centre (George Marshall Centre).

Princess Margaret will attend a reception at the Mansion House at 6.45 in aid of the Friends of the Elderly and Gentlefolk's Help.

The Duke of Gloucester will attend a reception given by the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Development Trust at Watermans' Hall at 5.45.

Luncheons

HM Government
The Hon Francis Maude, MP, presided at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of Miss V. Papandreou, Greek Alternate Minister of Commerce.

British Council
Sir David Orr, Chairman of the British Council, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at the Institute of Directors in honour of Professor Aleksander Krawczuk, Polish Minister of Culture and Art.

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh
Professor Michael Oliver, President of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, was host at a luncheon held yesterday at the college. Among those present were:

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, MP, Sir Thomas Risk, Sir Anthony Wheeler, Professor Charles Kemball, Mr Frank Dunlop, Mr F E Gerstenberg, Mr Ivor Guild, Mr Magnus Linklater, Mr James Miller, Dr James Syme and Professor John Richmond.

Piping

Fourth win for Henderson

By Angus Nicol

The Scottish Piping Society of London's annual competition, the last of the open competitions in the piping year, was a triumph of organization.

Some 75 competitors took part in nine events, and all was accomplished between 10.00 am and 6.30 pm on one day. Another refreshing aspect of the London competition is that there are often to be heard less usual tunes amongst those which can readily be predicted.

The championship, together with the Gaelic Society of London's Cup, was won for the fourth successive year by Murray Henderson, who was either first or second in three out of the four qualifying events.

The principal Piobaireachd competition for the Bratach Gorm, or Blue Banner, was won by Murray Henderson with Padruig Mor MacCrimmon's immortal "Lament for the Children". Second prize and the Donald MacKay Trophy was taken by Roderick MacLeod, who played another MacCrimmon tune, the "Lament for Donald Duaghall MacKay". Pipe-Major Gavin Stoddart, winner of this year's Glenfiddich Championship, took third prize with the "Lament for the Earl of Antrim".

One of the unusual tunes, "The Bells of Perth", was played by Robert Wallace to take fourth prize. Ronald MacShannon came fifth with "Lachlan MacNeill Campbell of Kintarbert's Fancy".

The second of the competitions qualifying for the championship, the Open Piobaireachd for the Gillies Cup, was won by Andrew Wright. He played another rarely heard tune, "The Blind Piper's Obstinacy", composed by the blind piper Iain Dall MacKay. Murray Henderson took second place with the ambiguously named "Old Men of The Shells". William MacCallum played "Rory MacLoude's Lament" to take third prize.

Pipe-Major Stoddart played another tune, "Iain Dall, the Unjust Incarceration", for the fourth prize. "Creagellachie, the Grants' Gathering", which won second prize for Roderick MacLeod at Blair Atholl, gave him the fifth in London. Lastly, Greg Wilson, from New Zealand, came sixth with the "Park Piobaireachd No 2".

Murray Henderson was the winner of the March, Strathspey and Reel for the London Medallion and the John MacFadyen Quaich. The fourth of the qualifying events for the championship, the Beaton Cup for jigs, was won by Richard Parkes.

The third of the Piobaireachd events, for the Highland Club Cup, was won by Graham Campbell-Mulholland, aged 13, who played the "Lament for Mary MacLeod".

RESULTS
1. Bratach Gorm: 1. Murray Henderson; 2. Roderick MacLeod; 3. P/M Gavin Stoddart; 4. Robert Wallace; 5. Ronald MacShannon.
2. Gillies Cup: 1. Andrew Wright; 2. Murray Henderson; 3. William MacCallum; 4. P/M Gavid Stoddart; 5. Roderick MacLeod; 6. Greg Wilson.
3. Highland Club Cup: 1. Graham Campbell-Mulholland; 2. L/Cpl L Barclay; 3. Peter Brinckmann.
4. London Medallion: 1. Murray Henderson; 2. L/Cpl Gordon Walker; 3. Roderick MacLeod.
5. Highland Society of London's Targe: 1. Cpl Paul Warren; 2. Scott Drummond; 3. Edward Smith.
6. Strachan Trophy: 1. Greg Wilson; 2. Richard Parkes; 3. Alan Minty; 4. James Bayne.
7. Clans Cup: 1. William Muir; 2. Sacha Small.
8 Beaton Cup: 1. Richard Parkes; 2. Duncan MacGillivray; 3. Roderick MacLeod.
9 Highlands & Islands Cup: 1. Mary Ann MacKinnon; 2. Graham Campbell-Mulholland; 3. James Stevenson.

US gallery pays record sum for Washington miniature

A miniature of George Washington took on giant proportions at Christie's London yesterday when it broke the world record for a miniature painting by nearly £250,000, and outstripped its estimate by £325,000.

Portraying a severe looking Washington in his blue general's uniform, with powdered hair *en queue*, it was by the eighteenth century Irish artist John Ramage.

According to Washington's diary, it had required a two-hour sitting on October 3, 1789. Yesterday, it took prolonged bidding from £10,000 to £352,000 to secure the sale.

To sharp intakes of breath by the gathered company, it was bought on the telephone by Mr Acevedo, of the Alexander Gallery in New York. "Bids started off very quickly until £50,000", said Claudia Ellison, the expert who fielded the losing bids from a private collector on another telephone.

The miniature, which was commissioned by a doting Mrs Washington, has a monogram "GW" on its reverse and it includes a lock of his hair. It was probably given, after the general's death, by his widow to his niece, passing subsequently through a sequence of owners without ever appearing on the market.

Ramage's miniature of George Washington.

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

The previous record for any miniature had been that of £82,500 for "Portrait of Jane Boughton" by the Elizabethan miniaturist Nicholas Hilliard, in 1980. "It was terribly difficult to value", said Miss Ellison, who had sent "numerous letters all over the world" preceding the sale.

Other prices paled into insignificance, the highest being that of £16,500 (upper estimate £12,000) for a pair of portraits by William Essex of the George, 5th Duke of Gordon and his wife, Elizabeth.

Miguel Canals, Spain's answer to Tom Keating, watched with glee as 216 of his fake paintings made nonsense of their estimates at Bonham's yesterday, totalling £110,000. "Degas" sold particularly well: a copy of a well-known painting of a ballerina being taken to her first lesson, fetching 10 times its estimate at £3,080.

Chagall's famous painting of an engaged couple, the man floating in space as he bends over his future bride, proffering her flowers and a kiss, fetched £2,090 (estimate £150 to £250). The most expensive lot, at £3,300, was a still life, "Birds and Basket of Cherries" attributed to "Spanish School."

A lone Japanese buyer swept the board of top lots at Sotheby's Japanese works of art sale in London. He spent £165,000 (estimate £30,000 to £40,000) on a fine seventeenth century Kakiemon jar and cover painted with *kiku* plant growing among rocks, and £93,500 (estimate up to £40,000) for another, similar jar.

Dinners

Furniture Makers' Company
Mr Roger H. Richardson, Master of the Furniture Makers' Company, presided at the annual ladies' dinner held last night at Drapers' Hall. Judge Waley, QC, and Mr Glyn Stanford also spoke.

Institute of Management Consultants
Lord Young of Graffham, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, was the guest of honour and a speaker at a dinner held at the Dorchester hotel last night to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Institute of Management Consultants. Mr Denis Tindley, president of the institute, and Mr Anthony Frodsham also spoke.

Anglo-Israel Association
The Lord Chancellor and Mr Justice Shamgar, President of the Supreme Court of Israel, were the guests of honour and speakers at the annual dinner of the Anglo-Israel Association held last night at Grosvenor House. Baroness Elliot of Harwood, president, presided and Lord Wigoder, QC, chairman of the council, also spoke. Among others present were:

The Countess of Avon, the Earl and Countess of Bessborough, Viscount Tonypandy, the Right Rev Lord and Lady Coggan, Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, and Lady Alexander, Lord and Lady Bottomley, Lady Byers, Lord and Lady Cocks of Hartcliffe, Lord and Lady Gladwyn, Lord Glenamara, CH, and Lady Glenamara, Lord Goodman, CH, Lord Joseph, CH, Lady Rothschild, Lord Thomas of Gwydir, QC, Lord and Lady Wakehurst, Lady Wigoder.

Mr Michael Alison, MP, and Mrs Alison, Mr John Morris, QC, MP, and Mrs Morris, Sir Zelman Cowen, QC, Lady Moyra Browne, the Hon Timothy Sainsbury, MP, and Mrs Sainsbury, the Hon Simon and Mrs Marks, the Hon Amschel and Mrs Rothschild, the Hon Jacob and Mrs Rothschild, Sir Hugh Rossi, MP, and Lady Rossi, Sir John Beith, Sir John and Lady Boynton, Lady Maitland, Sir David and Lady Miers, Mr Anthony and Dame Simone Prendergast, Mr M Elliot, Judge A Owen, Mr N Meron, Mrs James de Rothschild, Mr Alan Beith, MP, Mr Ian Gow, MP, Mr Michael Latham, MP, and Mrs Latham, Mr and Mrs Martin Gilbert, Mr F Tuckman, MEP, and Mrs Tuckman and Mr and Mrs G B Mercer.

Anglo Jordanian Society
Prince Abdullah Bin Al Hussein, Princess Aysha Al Hussein, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladies attended the annual dinner of the Anglo Jordanian Society held last night at the Mansion House. Others present included:

The Jordanian Ambassador and Sir Frederic Bennett (joint presidents) with Mrs Butros and Lady Bennett; the Earl and Countess of Stockton, Viscount and Viscountess Monckton of Brenchley, Lord Denman, Lord and Lady Glenarthur, Mr Gerald Kaufman, MP, the Hon William Waldegrave, MP, and Mrs Waldegrave, the Hon David Douglas-Home, Admiral Sir James Eberle, Professor Sir William Wade, QC, and Lady Wade, Sir Yehudi Menuhin, OM, and Lady Menuhin, Professor Sir Hermann Bondi, Air Chief Marshal Sir David and Lady Craig, General Sir Edward and Lady Burgess, Sir James Craig, the Jordanian Military Attaché and Mrs Khatib and Mr Anthony and Rabbi Julia Neuberger.

The Functus Society
The Functus Society held its twenty-first Annual Dinner last night at 60 Carey Street, London, WC2 at the invitation of the President of the Law Society.

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland
The President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland, Professor Frank Kidd, was host at the Institute Dinner in London held at the Savoy Hotel last night. Mr David Walker was the Guest of Honour. Among the other guests were:

Mr J Angell, Mr A M W Battishill, Mr J B Bourn, Lord Cameron of Lochbroom, Mr B A Carte, Mr P H Courtney, Mr G I de Deney, Sir James Duncan, Mr D Coch, Mr C B Gough, Mr J A Graham, Mr E Greene, Sir John Grenside, Mr J W Hardy, Mr A C Hugh Smith, Mr R Johnson, Mr R B Kett, Mr J R Lewis, Mr L S McGill, the Rev J H McIndoe, Mr G A Macklam, Mr C G McMillan, Sir Peter Middleton, the Right Hon Bruce Millan, Professor H Nordemann, Mr I P Phillips, Mr K A Sherwood, Mr I N Tegner, Sir Anthony Wilson and Mr F E Worsley.

Association of Corporate Treasurers

The following candidates have been awarded the Diploma in Corporate Treasury Management by The Association of Corporate Treasurers on November 1, 1988:

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Smallpeice Trust

The Smallpeice Trust is holding its Fourth Annual Lecture this evening at The Royal Society in London. Guest speaker, Sir Simon Hornby, Chairman of both The Design Council and W.H. Smith Group plc, will deliver his Lecture "Innovation and Design" to some 200 invited guests.

Church news

The Bishop of Carlisle, the Right Rev H. D. Halsey, has announced his retirement from next June.

The Dean of Chichester, the Very Rev Robert Holtby, is to retire next September.

The Dean of Lincoln, the Very Rev the Hon Oliver Twistleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, is to retire on January 26.

Appointments
The Rev Matthew A Whitehead, Vicar, Birtley, and Rural Dean of Chester le Street, diocese of Durham: to be Vicar, St Peter's, Stockton on Tees, same diocese.
The Rev Eric J Woods, Vicar, Wroughton, diocese of Bristol: to be also Rural Dean of Wroughton, same diocese.

Scottish Episcopal Church
The Rev D S Shrisunder, Rector of St Cuthbert's, Cambuslang with St Andrew's, Uddingston (Glasgow and Galloway), has resigned his appointment to the above parishes on his returning to India.
The Rev F Lee (Middle Rasen) has been appointed Rector of St John's, Girvan and St Oswald's, Maybole (Glasgow and Galloway).

Bridge

As the result of the first stage of the trial held by the English Bridge Union at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham over the weekend the following four teams will proceed to the second stage to be held in London next weekend. The teams to play for England in the home countries internationals will then be selected.

1. R A Cattle, B J Callaghan, D A L Burn, D G W Price, 119; 2. R J Fleet, J F Pottage, B J Rigal, P Czerniewski, 113; 3. P J Hawkes, S Wood, J Reissmann, R Pike, 111; 4. D Patterson, N Rosen, G & S Tredinnick, 109.

Forthcoming marriages

Lance Corporal of Horse D.M. Brooker and Miss T.L. Whitley
The engagement is announced between David Michael Brooker, The Blues and Royals, eldest son of Mr David Brooker and Mrs Heather Howell, and Tracie Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Whitley, of Hanham, Bristol.

Mr S. Harris and Miss K. Malim
The engagement is announced between Stephen, younger son of Mr and Mrs D.J. Harris, of Tilehurst, Reading, and Karen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs R. Malim, of Woolhope, Hereford.

Mr P.R. Hartwell and Miss F.M.L. Gregory
The engagement is announced between Philip Hartwell, of Lymington, Hampshire, and Francesca Gregory, of Cotherstone, County Durham.

Professor D.G. Julian and Miss C. Marley
The engagement is between Desmond Julian, of Ponteland, Northumberland, and Claire, younger daughter of Mr F. Bolam Marley and the late Mrs Joan Marley, of Sunderland.

Mr M.A. Storkey and Miss G.A. Biggs
The engagement is announced between Michael Alan, son of Mr and Mrs A.C. Storkey, of Cooden Beach, East Sussex, and Gillian Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs L.B. Biggs, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Marriage

Mr A. Munster and Miss L. Korenaga
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 8, at the Maluhia Church, Waianae, Hawaii, of Mr Alexander Munster to Miss Lisa Korenaga.

Lecture

Royal Society
Sir David Smith delivered the Sir Joseph Banks Memorial Lecture to the Royal Society yesterday evening. Professor M.A. Epstein, Foreign Secretary and Vice-President of the Royal Society, presided and was host at a reception held afterwards. Among those present were:

The Deputy High Commissioner for Australia, the Agent-General for Victoria, Sir William Heseltine, Sir Peter Gadsden (chairman, Britain-Australia Bicentennial Committee), Dr N R Chalmers (director, British Museum (Natural History)), Professor G T Prance (director, Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew), Dr R W J Keay (president, Institute of Biology) and Professor S Berry (president, British Ecological Society).

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
Sir Robert Kilpatrick to be President of the General Medical Council in February, in succession to Sir John Walton.

The Right Rev Colin Buchanan, Bishop of Aston, to be the first President of the Movement for the Reform of Infant Baptism.

Mr Sam White

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Sam White will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, at noon on Friday, November 11.

OBITUARIES

SIR WALTER COUTTS

Valuable work in pre-independence East African countries

Sir Walter Coutts, GCMG, MBE, who died in Perth, Western Australia, on November 4, at the age of 75, was the last governor, and the first and last governor-general of Uganda. He was greatly respected there and in Kenya, where his work on formulating a system of voting rights for Africans was an important step in working out a *modus vivendi* for all races for the time when independence eventually came.

In retirement from the colonial service Coutts was not content to lead a quiet life, but had an interesting and often stressful period as an independent director and chairman of Pergamon Press, during a stormy period of its history.

Coutts, who was born in Aberdeen on November 30, 1912, spent most of his colonial service career in East Africa. He had first gone to Kenya as a district officer from St John's College, Cambridge, in 1936. Apart from six years from 1949 as administrator of the West Indian island of St Vincent, he spent the rest of his time there, and in Uganda.

It was in Kenya that he demonstrated himself as a natural 'Africa hand', and when he was appointed special commissioner for African elections on his return there from the Caribbean in 1955 he came to wider notice, for the politically sensitive nature of his judgements.

Coutts's understanding of the Kikuyu, whose language he knew, influenced his sympathetic but always realistic attitude to African political aspirations in general, while his straightforward and amiable personality enabled him gently but firmly to persuade leaders of the European settlers of the fairness and good sense of a multi-racial approach to Kenya's political and economic problems.

He was Kenya's Minister for Education, Labour and Lands from 1956 to 1958, and Chief Secretary from 1958 to 1961.

When, in 1961 he was appointed to the governorship of Uganda, his experience in Kenya stood him in good stead. Administrators from Kenya were apt to be regarded with suspicion by Ugandan African nationalists at that time, and it was a tribute to Coutts's understanding and quiet strength of character that he soon won the confidence of Dr Milton Obote and his colleagues. When Uganda became independent in 1962, his appointment as governor-general was warmly welcomed. He served in this capacity with distinction until Uganda became a republic at the end of 1963.

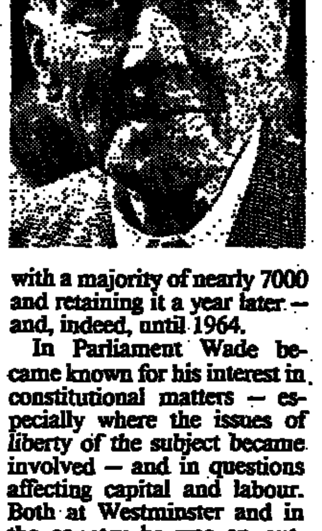
In retirement Coutts became secretary to the Dulverton Trust and was on the boards of several companies with interests in Africa. A more taxing assignment awaited him in his appointment in 1970 as an independent director of Pergamon Press. It was in the aftermath of Robert Maxwell's ousting as chairman of Pergamon, and life for independent directors was an unquiet one, as Mr Maxwell disputed control of the company with Saul Steinberg's computer company Leasco, merger with which had seemed such a good idea in 1969.

Coutts was appointed chairman of Pergamon Press in 1972, but Mr Maxwell was now fighting back strongly. In 1974 he won back the chairmanship of Pergamon, and Coutts was relieved of this post. On resigning his directorship Coutts was able to concentrate on other, less stressful, business interests.

He married Janet Elizabeth Jamieson in 1942. She survives him with their son and daughter.

LORD WADE

Respected influence in Liberal politics



Lord Wade, the Liberal peer who peristently campaigned for a Bill of Rights and, as Donald Wade, was MP for Huddersfield West from 1950 to 1964, died on November 6 at the age of 84.

Wade was a lifelong and active Liberal who, had his party's fate during the 1950s and 1960s been better, would undoubtedly have achieved much greater prominence in politics and national affairs. As it was he served the cause to which he was so devotedly attached through all its vicissitudes.

Donald William Wade was born at Ilkley, Yorkshire, on June 16, 1904, and early in life suffered from poliomyelitis. He was educated at Mill Hill School before going to Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he got his MA and LL.B degrees.

He was admitted solicitor in 1929 and practised in Leeds as a member of a leading commercial firm, of which his father was a principal.

As a young man Wade did much voluntary work for the Liberal Party, both in the North and nationally, attracting large audiences to his meetings. He achieved political notoriety in 1950 by capturing the West Division of Huddersfield from Labour with a majority of nearly 7000 and retaining it a year later — and, indeed, until 1964.

In Parliament Wade became known for his interest in constitutional matters — especially where the issues of liberty of the subject became involved — and in questions affecting capital and labour. Both at Westminster and in the country he was an outspoken supporter of co-partnership in industry, as well as an unrepentent defender of free trade.

He was Liberal Whip in the Commons from 1956 to 1962 and Deputy Leader from 1962 to 1964.

In the 1964 general election he lost his seat to Labour and later that year he was created a Life Peer. He was interested in the whole field of human rights around the world and in the Lords he made four attempts to have enacted a Bill of Rights which would have made the European Convention on Human Rights a part of English law.

Wade was president of the Liberal Party in 1967-1968 and in the latter year chaired a commission which carried out an ideological review to update the party's policies.

In its turbulent periods Wade was a steadying influence in the party and by the 1970s he had become one of the Liberal Party's most respected elder statesmen.

His book *Our Aim and Purpose*, published in 1961, was an outline of fundamental Liberal philosophy and values which proved to be useful and more relevant than ever in the birth pangs of the new Liberal alliance.

Wade was a Liberal of the old school: his age had prevented him from taking an active part in its more recent affairs, other than becoming a member of the new party.

He is survived by his wife Ellenora Beatrice, two sons and two daughters.

SIR GERALD THORLEY

Elder statesman of the brewing industry

Sir Gerald Thorley, former chairman of Allied Breweries and an elder statesman of the industry, died on October 27 at the age of 75. Thorley's business interests also extended into the fields of sugar, property development and glassware.

"Joe" Thorley was born on August 26, 1913 and educated at Ratcliffe College. His father was managing director of Ind Coope, the Burton-on-Trent brewing firm, but young Thorley showed no early inclination to join him and became instead a chartered surveyor. But after six years, Thorley was invited by the late John Joseph Calder to join Samuel Allsopp, which had by then merged with Ind Coope.

Thorley was a captain in the Royal Artillery during the 1939-45 war and spent three years as a prisoner of the Japanese. It was an experience which he always said gave him a deeper understanding of people.

He returned to the company in 1946, joined the board in 1947 and later became chairman.

On the formation of Allied Breweries in 1961, Thorley was appointed a director and became chairman and chief executive in 1970.

Surprisingly in view of his company's size and influence, Thorley was scarcely known at that time outside the industry and was a shadowy figure compared with some of his contemporaries in other large companies. Most of his career had been involved in the day-to-day work of breweries rather than what he called the "front of house" proceedings. But he proved himself to be an adept businessman and a natural leader.

He retired as chairman in 1975, remaining as a director.

In 1968 he had become chairman of the British Sugar Corporation and was at its head during a crucial period of change for the sugar industry, particularly after Britain entered the EEC in 1973. He remained chairman of the Corporation until 1982.

Meanwhile he had extended his business interests into other spheres. He was vice-chairman of the Rockware glass making group from 1976 to 1986 and chairman of the MEPC property group from 1976 until 1984.

Thorley, who was knighted in 1973, lived in Norfolk where, in his retirement, he was devoted to his garden.

He is survived by his wife, Beryl, a son and a daughter.

JEAN-PIERRE STIRBOIS

Deputy leader of France's National Front Party

Jean-Pierre Stirbois, who died in a motoring accident on November 4, at the age of 43, was the chief lieutenant of the French National Front leader, Jean-Marie Le Pen.

He was driving home from a political rally in Dreux, the town outside Paris of which he was deputy mayor, when his car missed a bend at 2.40 am and hit a tree. Driving conditions were said to be good.

Stirbois, who ranked second to Le Pen in the hierarchy of the ultra right wing party and was the leader's trusted confidant, was secretary general of the National Front and played a decisive role in formulating the party's anti-tax and anti-immigrant policies.

His critics, who objected to the party's increasingly radical stance, had accused him of manipulating Le Pen.

He was born in Paris in 1945, the son of a coppersmith, and in his student days was associated with a number of extreme right-wing youth groups. They represented one political branch of the generation which blossomed in France after the Algerian war of independence.

Stirbois joined the National Front in 1977 and organized Le Pen's unsuccessful 1981 presidential campaign. His death is a considerable blow to a party which has not been showing well in local elections. The choice of his successor may well give an indication of the way Jean-Marie Le Pen now wants to take his party.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.
Proverbs 10:14

BIRTHS

AISBITT - On November 3rd 1988, to Julia (née Howard) and Jon, a son, Tobias Jonathan, a brother for Alexandra.

BAXTER - On November 2nd to Debbie (née Harburn) and Bob, a gift of a daughter, Hannah Louise.

BLAIR - On November 6th, at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, to Felicity (née White) and Ian a son, Joshua Harry Warwick, a brother for Amelia.

BOSSOM - On November 3rd at Westminster Hospital, to Sara (née Vaughan) and Doric, a son, Theo Doric Alfred.

BRADLEY - On November 3rd 1988, at the Royal Hospital, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman, to Carol Louise (née Boulton) and Donald, a daughter, Laura Ann.

CAM - On November 5th, to Jin Ee, (née Law) and David, a son, Edward Thomas Lee. Thanks to all the staff at Blackpool Victoria Hospital.

CHESHIRE - On November 5th to Kate (née Atherton), and Ian, a son, George, a little brother for Thomas.

DORIN - On November 3rd, to Lesley Ann and Robert, twin boys, Sam and Dominic. Full house!

GOCH - On November 2nd 1988 to Peter and Kathryn (Née Southern) a beautiful baby boy Tristam James Charlston. Thanks to doctors and staff at The Garden Hospital.

GRANGER - On November 3rd, at Harrogate, to Clare (née Cooper) and Mark, a son, Edward Charles Power.

GRAY - On November 5th to Stephanie (née Thornton-Dewhirst) and Philip a daughter, Natalie Annabel. A sister for Charlotte.

HAC On November 2nd 1988 to Penelope (née Marks) and Bernard a son Edward Paul. Now living in France.

HOMFRAY - On November 1st, at Clonmel, Co.Tipperary, to Rebecca (née Nightingale of Cromarty) and Kenyon, a daughter, Harriet Flora Scott.

HUNNYBUN - On November 6th at The Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, to Marion and Tom, a son, a brother for Peter.

IREMONGER - On November 4th 1988, to Empy (née Campbell) and Anthony, a daughter, Emily Henrietta, a sister for Caroline and Joshua.

JONES - On November 5th to Lisa, (née Brettingham) and Griffith, a daughter, Emma Katherine, a sister for Alexandra.

LARK - On November 5th, at Pembury Hospital, to Pippa (née Gooch) and Graham, a daughter, Katherine.

Mac CLANCY - On November 5th, 1988, to Sandra (née Perutz) and Roderic, a beautiful daughter, Sophie Fyffe.

MORTON - On November 6th, to Anne (née Phillips) and Guy, a daughter, Katharine, a sister for Frederick.

NEAL - On November 3rd, 1988 to Jeanne and Peter, a son, Geoffrey Richard Lockhart, a brother for Lucinda.

PEARMUND - On November 3rd to Christine (née Miselbrook) and John, a son Charles John, a brother for Elizabeth and Catherine.

PRIOR - On November 1st, to Caroline and David, a son and a daughter, Nicholas and Helena.

RICHARDSON - On November 4th 1988, to Maureen (née Pigott) and Andy, a daughter, Louise Elizabeth, a sister for Lucy.

ROBSON - On October 31st 1988 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Dawn and John, a daughter, Harriet Emily, a sister for Sarah.

ROBINSON - On November 6th, to Julia (Whiteoak) and Terry D, at Westminster Hospital, a son.

STENHOUSE - On November 4th, 1988, to Jill (née Southworth) and Simon, a son, James, a brother for Thomas.

URWIN - On October 30th to Ailsa (née Price), and Jeffrey, a son, Charles Edward.

VARLEY - On Saturday November 5th, to Henrietta and James, a daughter.

WARD - On November 4th, to Melanie (née Edgley) and Oliver, a son, Thomas.

WHARTON - On November 4th 1988, at Bristol Maternity Hospital, to Fiona (née Scarf), and Robert, a daughter, Henrietta Charlotte. A sister for Camilla.

WHITE - See Blair.

WILDE - On November 3rd 1988, to Helen (née Barker) and Chris, a beautiful daughter, Jessica. Thanks to all concerned.

WILLIAMS - On November 3rd, to Jane (née Armitstead) and Jonathan, a son, Charles Alexander Galloway.

WOMERSLEY - On November 3rd 1988, at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Carolyn (née Godlee) and David, a daughter, Katharine Jane Bland, a sister for James.

DEATHS

APPLETON - On November 4th 1988, peacefully at home at Shackleford, Henry William (Harry), aged 88 years. Much loved husband of Gladys, dear father of Brian and the late June, father-in-law of Sue and grandfather of Christopher, Jeremy, and Sophie. Cremation at Guildford Crematorium on Friday, November 11th at 1.30 pm. No flowers please, but donations if desired to The British Lung Foundation, c/o J.Gorringe and Son, Funeral Directors, 55 Hare Lane, Farncombe, Godalming, Surrey. Tel: (04868) 6403.

AYLWIN-FOSTER - On November 3rd, peacefully in Bedford, Dorothy Troubridge (Deo), in her 90th year, widow of Lt. Col. E.W.F. Aylwin-Foster D.S.O. Dearly loved mother of Peter and grandmother of Jennifer, Nigel, Vanessa and Penelope, and a great grandmother. Funeral service at St Peters Church, Bedford on Monday, November 14th at 3.30pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Charter House, Kimbolton Road, Bedford.

BELSEY - On November 3rd 1988, at home with his family, James Graham O.B.E. aged 77, much loved husband of Elizabeth, father of Richard and John, and grandfather of Mark, Hugo, Peter and Sarah. Funeral arrangements to be announced. Enquiries to Francis Chappell, Sevenoaks 450203.

BLOUNT - On November 7th, at Hastings, Cecilia Frances, age 96, widow of Vice Admiral George Blount, D.S.O. Family flowers only. Donations to St Clements Church Restoration Fund.

BROOME - On November 6th 1988, after a long illness, Barbara, wife of Ron, mother of Janet and David. Funeral to be held at the Chichester Crematorium on Friday November 11th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The West Sussex MacMillan Appeal, c/o Reynolds Funeral Services, 27/31 High St., Bognor Regis, West Sussex. Tel: (0243) 864745.

CAMPBELL-HARRIS - On November 4th, suddenly in Milan, David, beloved husband of Amy and father of Caroline, Colin and Edward.

COATES - On November 3rd in the University Hospital, Nottingham, after a long illness very bravely borne, Doris Sheila much loved wife of Emeritus Professor R.C. Coates. There will be a private cremation. No flowers or letters please. Donations could be made if desired to Cancer Research.

CROWDER - On Saturday November 5th 1988 after a prolonged illness, Lt. Col. William Edward Crowder late Irish Guards. Funeral At Abbey Church, Downside, Stratton-On-The-Fosse, Somerset on Friday November 11th at 3pm. Flowers to Clerk of Works, Downside Abbey, Stratton-On-The-Fosse.

DALLEY - On November 5th and 7th, Geoffrey (Cdr. R.N.), aged 93 and his wife Vera Kathleen Vereker, aged 90, both of Stone Cottage, Motcombe, Dorset. Funeral service will be at St Mary's Church, Motcombe, on Friday November 11th at 11am.

DAVIS - On November 6th, peacefully at home, Harold Davis, Physician, beloved husband of Molly and father to Caroline. Funeral at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, at 1.30pm on Wednesday November 9th. Donations if wished, to The Friends of Watlington Hospital, Watlington, Oxon.

DOLAN - On November 2nd, suddenly, Gerard Terence, B.A.I., T.C.D. Darling husband of Honor and father of Mary, in Ealing. Fortified by the rites of the Roman Catholic Church. Requiem Mass on November 11th followed by interment.

DRIVER - On November 4th, Tom, 1st General Secretary of The National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education. Remembered with love and pride by his family, friends and colleagues. Funeral at Doncaster Crematorium, on Friday November 11th, 12 noon. Afterwards at Earl of Doncaster Hotel. Family flowers only please. Donations to the Leukaemia Society c/o Mrs R Driver, 57 Woodfield Drive, East Barnet, Herts, EN4 8PD, or the Morning Star.

GEIPEL - On November 6th, peacefully after a short illness, at Clare House Esher, Francis Robert (Bobs), in his 93rd year. Formerly of 6 Hamston House, Kensington Court Place, London W8. A private funeral will take place at Putney Vale Crematorium, Friday November 11th at 3.00pm. No flowers by request.

GETZL - On October 31st, peacefully Cicilie (Lily), dearly loved friend for 50 years of 4 generations of the Owtram family of Newland Hall Lancaster.

GRIMSEY - On October 23rd, suddenly on holiday in Majorca, Henry John (Jack) O.B.E. aged 87. A loved and loving husband, father, great grandad and good friend. Sometime secretary of National Arbitration/Industrial Disputes Tribunal. Cremation on November 10th at 12.00 noon. Beckenham Crematorium. No flowers please. Donations if wished to a charity of your choice. Enquiries to F. Chappell: Tel 01-777 8099.

HAMER - On November 5th, at home. Joan Edith. Private cremation. No letters or flowers please.

HARRIS - On November 5th peacefully, Rosanne, beloved wife of Paul and mother of Andrew and Simon. Cremation private. No flowers. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

JORDAN - On November 6th, peacefully at Cromwell Hospital, Robin Jordan, much loved husband of Monica, father of Patrick, Sean and Laura, brother of Cassandra. Cremation service 4.00pm on Tuesday 8th, at Mortlake Crematorium. No flowers but please send donations to: The Imperial Cancer Research Fund, PO Box No 123, Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2A 3PX.

JOYNER - On November 7th at the Foscote Hospital, Banbury, Thomas Robert aged 60 yrs. He faced and fought illness with the indomitable courage and determination that he had in life 'this was a man'. Funeral at Bloxham Church, Oxon on Thursday November 10th at 11.00am. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to NSPCC.

LUCAS - On November 4th at home at Woolmers Park, after a short illness borne with characteristic strength, Lascelles Arthur, beloved husband of Ethel, dearly loved father of John, Patricia and Claire and loving grandfather and great-grandfather. He will live in our hearts always. Funeral service at St. Mary's, Hertingfordbury on Thursday 10th November at 2.30pm. Family flowers only but donations to Leukaemia Research c/o of St. Mary's Church, Hertingfordbury.

LYNDON - On October 31st 1988, Brian Patrick. Cremation at Southampton Crematorium, East Chapel, at 3pm, Wednesday November 9th, followed by a Memorial Meeting at 4pm at King Edward VI School, Southampton. Floral tributes or donations to, The Royal British Legion to be sent to the Funeral Directors, R.C. Payne and Son, 485 Bitterne Road, Southampton.

LYON - On November 5th 1988, after a long illness, Col. W.G. Lyon O.B.E. (Legs), beloved husband of Elizabeth will be greatly missed by Anthony, Louise and Mark. Cremation service at Salisbury Crematorium on Thursday November 10th at 12.45 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The Royal Artillery Benevolent Fund c/o H.A Harrold & Son, 77 Estcourt Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 3AX.

MCGOVERN - On November 7th in her 96th year, near Melbourne, Australia, Florence Evelyn (Nevett), daughter of 2nd Baron Airedale.

NASH - On November 5th, Olive Marion (née Bond) aged 86 years, widow of George Nash (GCN of Punch). Beloved mother of Tom and Mary. Funeral at Church of St John the Baptist, Pewsey, Wiltshire at 2.30pm on November 10th.

OWEN - On November 4th, peacefully in hospital, Eadha (née Cowan) in her 91st year, formerly of Malvern. Sadly missed by her husband David and relatives. Funeral at St Martins Church, Laugharne on Wednesday November 9th. If wished, donations in lieu of flowers for St Martins Church, Laugharne, may be made to Mrs M G Thomas, Vine cottage, Laugharne, Dyfed.

PARR - On November 4th, at University College Hospital, Gladys Elizabeth aged 96. Enquiries to J.H. Kenyon Ltd, 49 Marloes Road, London, W8 6LA. Tel: 01-937 0757.

PASSMORE - On November 3rd 1988, peacefully at Crewkerne Hospital, William Maurice, Commander R.N. Rtd. of Hinton St George. Loving husband of Betty and father of Jeremy, William, Susan, Alison and 7 grandchildren. Funeral service at Hinton St George on Wednesday November 9th at 2.00pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired for Shipwrecked Mariners c/o A.E. Stoodley & Son, 31 Market Sq, Crewkerne, Somerset TA18 7LP.

PROTOR-PEARSON - On November 5th, 1988, peacefully at home, James, dearest husband of Freda (Bill) and much loved father and grandfather. Funeral service at St Peter's Church at Hale on Thursday, November 10th at 12.30pm.

RANFURLY - On November 6th, The Earl Of. Funeral Friday November 11th at 10.45am, St Mary's Parish Church, Chesham, Bucks. Family flowers only. Donations if wished to The Ranfurly Library Service, c/o Great Pednor, Chesham, Bucks HP5 2SU. Memorial Service to be held in London at a later date.

REVANS - On November 4th, peacefully at Romsey Hants, after a long illness courageously borne, Sir John Revans C.B.E., L.L.D., F.R.C.P. A beloved husband and father. Funeral Service at Southampton Crematorium East Chapel on Thursday November 10th at 4pm. No flowers, but donations if desired to the R.N.L.I. may be sent to A.H. Cheater Funeral Directors, Romsey.

RUDDLE - On November 5th, suddenly in her 54th year, Margaret Elizabeth Swiney (née Cowper), dear wife of Tony and loving mother of Timothy, Patricia and Nickolas and stepmother of Joanna. Private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, direct to the Childrens' Hospital, Great Ormond Street, London WC1. Memorial service on Friday 18th November, 12 noon at St. Mary's Church, Shaw-cum-Donnington, Newbury, Berks.

RUSSELL - On November 5th, peacefully in her sleep, Margot, wife of Noel, mother of Jeremy and Georgina.

RYAN - On November 6th, at home after a short illness, Joy Olwen, widow of Michael John Ryan, beloved mother of John, Michael and Patricia. Enquiries to Serenity Eastbourne 36445.

SANDELSON - On November 2nd, in Bath, Clifford, dearly loved by family and friends. Funeral 2.40 pm Thursday November 10th at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath. No flowers please but donations to Dorothy House Foundation, Bath.

SCOTT - On November 2nd 1988, George Edwin. Funeral to take place on Wednesday November 9th at Lambeth Crematorium at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to General I.T.U. Fund, St George's Hospital, SW17. Thanksgiving service to be held at a later date.

SHAWCROSS - On November 6th 1988, peacefully at Beaufort Nursing Home, Jersey, Mary Vere aged 84 years, widow of Anthony Shawcross, very much loved by her family and friends. Funeral Service at Jersey Crematorium on Monday November 14th at 2pm. Family flowers only please. Enquiries to Pitcher & Le Quesne, 89 Kensington Place, St Helier, Jersey. Tel: (0534) 77935.

SHEVILL - R.T. Revd Ian A.O., T.H.D., M.A., former Bishop of North Queensland and Newcastle, Australia and former General Secretary of The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Requiem and Funeral Service at St John's Cathedral, Ann Street, Brisbane, Australia, on Wednesday November 9th 1988 at 11.00am. Donations in lieu of floural tributes to St Luke's Nursing Service, Brisbane if preferred. Cannon and Cribbs Proprietors Ltd, Brisbane, Australia.

SLOOT - On November 5th, peacefully with his family, Theodorus Frederick. Funeral service on Friday November 11th at 11.00 am at St. Pauls Walden Church, Whitwell.

SMALLWOOD - On November 3rd 1988, *in hospital, Perpetua Mary* widow of Captain E.G.S. Smallwood and mother of Guy, Anne and Timothy. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Bentworth, Hants, at 12 noon on Thursday November 10th.

SMELLIE - On November 6th, peacefully, after a long illness fought with great courage, Joanna Stella Smellie, beloved widow of Eric. Sadly missed by her loving family and many dear friends. Service at St Peter's Church, Bushey Heath, on Friday November 11th at 12.45pm. No flowers, but donations to Michael Sobell House, c/o Mrs Susan Price, 8 Park Hill W5 2JN.

SNOWBALL - On November 5th 1988, Doris aged 71 years, organist of Barnack, Bainton and Ufford. Funeral service at Barnack Church on Thursday November 10th at 2.30pm. Flowers to Co-op, Stamford, Lincolnshire, or Donations to Cancer Relief.

STRANGE - On November 6th, unexpectedly and peacefully at William Harvey Hospital, Ashford, John P.A. aged 79. Beloved husband of Joan, much loved father of Colin and Robert and grandfather of Heather, Katie, Jack and Toby. Private family cremation.

SUGDEN - On November 2nd, peacefully in his sleep, Peter Larner, aged 60. Beloved husband of Peggy, son of Mark and Margaret and father of Joanna, Mark, Jonathan, Michael and Edward. Funeral service will be held at Cilycwm Church at 3 pm on Friday, November 11th. No flowers please, but donations to the Treloar Trust, Froyle, Alton, Hants., Registered Charity Number 307103.

TETLOW - On November 6th 1988, in hospital, Miles Richard Mallinson, aged 57 years of Southowram. Dear son of Sheila Tetlow and the late J.L. Tetlow. Father of Leonie, Jennifer, Stuart and Sally. Loving grandfather of Thomas and Chloe. Service at the Halifax Parish Church on Friday November 11th at 10.15 am. Followed by cremation (private). No letters or flowers by request. Donations in lieu of to Whitechapel Parish Church, Cleckheaton, c/o The Treasurer, Mr G L Wright, 134 South Parade, Cleckheaton, BD19 3AF, would be appreciated. Will friends please meet for service and accept this intimation.

TOMLINSON - On November 6th, peacefully, Arthur, beloved husband of Doris, father of David, Antony and Richard. Service at Christchurch United Reform Church, Leatherhead, on Friday November 11th at 2.30pm followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Relative Liason Officer, Woodside Ward, Westpark Hospital, Epsom, Surrey.

TROWBRIDGE - On November 1st 1988, suddenly, Yvonne Patricia aged 45 years, beloved mother of Julian and Louise Dixon. Service, Littlehampton Cemetery, Sussex, on Monday November 14th at 12 noon. Floral tributes and all enquiries please to, F.A. Holland & Son, Terminus Rd, Littlehampton, Sussex. Tel: (0903) 713939.

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UNMACK - On November 6th peacefully in Firtando Nursing Home, Canford Cliffs, Alice Marian formerly of Links Road, Canford Cliffs. Wife of the late Edward West Unmack, D.F.C., M.A., much loved mother of Hazel and to John Beal and grandmother of Veronica and Rosalind. Funeral service at All Saints Church, Branksome Park, Poole on Friday November 11th at 12.30 pm. Flowers to Tapper Funeral Service, 32-34 Parkstone Road, Poole, Dorset.

WADE - On November 6th, at Dacre Banks Nursing Home in Nidderdale, Yorkshire, after a long illness, Donald (Lord Wade of Huddersfield) aged 84 years. Dear husband of Bobbie. Much loved father of Helen, Rosalind, William and Robert and a devoted grand pa. Private family cremation. No flowers please. The Memorial service will be held at a later date.

YEOMAN - On November 4th, suddenly at Aldeburgh, Suffolk, John Richard Harding, beloved husband of Elizabeth. Funeral service at Aldeburgh Parish Church on Friday, November 11th at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for the British Diabetic Association, c/o Tony Brown, Funeral Parlour, Saxmundham, Suffolk. Thanksgiving service on Friday December 16th at 11am at Christchurch, Chelsea, SW3.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

HODGSON - Martha Hodgson's funeral will take place on November 9th, at 12 noon, at Holy Trinity, Brompton Road.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

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SCIENCE REPORT

A weighty look at snorers

People who snore while they sleep would make less noise if they lost weight. But they may be reassured by the latest study on snoring which shows that it does not necessarily indicate high blood pressure.

Researchers at St Michael's Hospital and Mount Sinai Hospital at the University of Toronto, Canada, surveyed 372 snorers to find out whether snoring could be used as a direct index of high blood pressure, a condition associated with heart failure, brain haemorrhage and kidney failure.

But what they found was a more indirect relationship: snoring is connected with blood pressure by the association of both with obesity, breathing rate, and the amount of oxygen *in the blood.*

Their research is published in *The Lancet* (October 29). In a number of earlier studies, snoring has been linked with heart disease, high blood pressure, angina and strokes. To explain these links, researchers have said that snoring is a symptom of nocturnal oxygen starvation. This could trigger biochemical changes in the body that lead to increased blood pressure.

But the Toronto group point out that nobody has tested this hypothesis. And because snoring has, until now, not been measured very accurately, it has been impossible to test whether it really is bound up with oxygen starvation and high blood pressure.

The research of the Toronto group does not demonstrate such a relationship. To do so, they would need to study the blood pressure of sleepers who do not snore at all. If a significant number of non-snorers have high blood pressure or any other symptom supposedly connected with snoring, then a direct connection between snoring and hypertension will be much harder to justify.

As many as nine out of 10 people may be habitual snorers, but until recently snoring has been viewed "more as a social nuisance than a medical problem", say the researchers. Over the past 20 years, some doctors have suspected, though, that in some people snoring reflects a deeper medical malaise.

Doctors had very little to go on at first; until the mid-1960s, nothing was known about the medical complications of snoring. Even now, the researchers achieve the results they do by intensive observations, using the latest medical technology, of hundreds of sleeping people.

The Toronto study shows that the snoring population is divided into two almost equal halves. Some sleepers snore smoothly and breathe regularly, while in other people, breathing may be interrupted on occasion and cease for a number of seconds at a time. This condition is called apnoea, and apnoeic snorers snore in an entirely different style from non-apnoeic snorers. Not only do they snore more loudly, but also more frequently.

The researchers found that snoring frequency was associated with the lowest levels of oxygen in the blood; it is an attempt to get more air into the lungs. But they also found that apnoeic snorers had higher blood pressure than non-apnoeic snorers. They were also older on average, and weighed more.

But these results have little to do with snoring directly: what they do show is that blood *pressure in snorers is related to* age, obesity, apnoea, and depression of blood oxygen levels. Snoring is just a by-product of these factors together, and certainly cannot be said to have a direct link with, say, high blood pressure.

So, attempts to treat hypertension by dealing directly with problem snoring are unlikely to be as successful as going on a diet.

Henry Gee

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ON THE RECORD

Latest wills

Earl De La Warr, of Withyham, East Sussex, businessman and landowner, left estate valued at £3,019,780 net. He left his estate mostly to relatives.

Mr Andrew John Maxton Cruickshank, of Westminster, actor, left estate valued at £69,609 net.

Mr Thomas Edward Brodie Howarth, of London W11, former High Master of St Paul's School, London, left estate valued at £293,651 net.

Mr Michael Challice Kelly, of Copplestone, Crediton, Devon, farmer, left estate valued at £1,488,007 net.

Air Commodore John Watson Allan, of Lostwithiel, Cornwall, night fighter pilot who in 1943 shot down a record five aircraft during one patrol, left estate valued at £186,820 net.

Mrs Olive Barnes, of Islington, solicitor, left estate valued at £553,333 net.

Lady Strong, of Eastbourne, East Sussex, widow of Sir Kenneth Strong, left estate valued at £912,714 net.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Edmond Halley, astronomer, London, 1656; Sir Arnold Bax, Master of the King's Musick 1941-53, London, 1883.

DEATHS: John Milton, London, 1674; Thomas Bewick, wood engraver, Gateshead, 1828; Charles Francis Hall, Arctic explorer, Greenland, 1871; Cesar Franck, Paris, 1890; Francis Parkman, historian, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, 1893; Ivan Bunin, poet, Nobel laureate, 1933, Paris, 1953; Edgar Varèse, composer, New York, 1965.

Covent Garden market in London closed, 1974.

University news

Cambridge
The Prince of Wales has been elected an honorary fellow of Trinity College, where he was an undergraduate between 1967-70.

Gray's Inn

Mr Gerald Priestland preached the Mulligan Sermon at Gray's Inn Chapel on Sunday. Canon Eric James officiated.

THE ARTS

TELEVISION

Clear a gangway

It is now a little over a year since Granada's *World In Action* screened one of the more unhinging scenes in recent television memory. A member of the Japanese Yakuza forced his way through a throng of reporters and cameramen in order to break into a flat and earn his daily yen, i.e. murder the occupant. This was all duly recorded, although ITV chose to show an edited version.

Lacking any such gruesome footage, last night's report from the same stable, on the international brotherhood of Triads, had to make do with a reconstructed "before" followed by still "after" photographs. The result was the same for the victim, although perhaps not for the viewer, for whom much of the programme strayed perilously close to the celebrated *Monty Python* sketch about the Piranha brothers' reign of terror.

In the course of a Triad initiation ceremony, we learned that the gang's most feared officer is known as the Red Pope. "His job," noted the dead-pan voice-over, "is to kill people." Nasty work if you can get it.

In their native Hong Kong, the Triads are glamorized by a local school of gangster movie-making, which in turn prompts the authorities to issue television commercials urging impressionable youth to seek alternative careers advice. This must itself be seen as an admission of defeat, for if joining the gangs leads inevitably to gaol (as the commercials claim), why are there any Triad members left in business?

The truth is that so much of the colony's business – from buses to building sites – is now at least partly in Triad hands that if the gangs were exterminated tomorrow, the economy would very likely go into a flat spin. As with Mussolini and the Mafia, it seems depressingly clear that only totalitarian governments have a real hope against organized crime.

When 1997 rolls around, the Triads may find the climate more congenial elsewhere. Soho and Manhattan, even Glasgow, have already felt the effects.

Martin Cropper

John Russell Taylor on current London exhibitions which reveal something of the working practices of three great painters

Methods behind the mastery

GALLERIES

Rembrandt: Art in the Making
National Gallery

Rubens
Courtauld Institute Galleries

A Nest of Nightingales
Dulwich Picture Gallery

Only a few years ago, any exhibition which set out to elucidate the processes of art would automatically have been assumed to be a highly specialized operation, designed for those few, whoever they might be, who were in search of art education. But, now that art is news for the mass public to a degree that it has never been before, matters have changed dramatically. With endless sensations about record prices achieved, masterworks stolen and forgeries unmasked, it is perfectly natural that laymen should be interested in just how the masters achieved their effects, and how one might determine whether a specific effect was achieved by the specific master credited with it: it is all rather like following racing form.

Hence, in its centenary year, the National Gallery's quite technical show **Rembrandt: Art in the Making** (until January 17) comes to us through the sponsorship of Esso and is clearly designed to attract a wide, non-specialist public, who will be expected to read a good proportion of the intricate explanations on the gallery walls, if not to lash out on the even more scholarly catalogue (£9.95). The media have obliged by making the findings embodied in the show seem even more sensational than they are on the spot: two Rembrandts in the national collection were exposed as fakes, the television newscasters announced portentously, and it took a critic to point out that at worst we were dealing with possible misattribution rather than outright fraud.

The show is not sensational in that way at all, and the catalogue expresses slight reservations about only one of the alleged fakes, the smaller portrait of Margaretta de Geer, and then entirely on technical grounds to do with the handling of the paint as revealed by laboratory investigation. (Even so, the authors accept the possibility that the picture might represent a deliberate technical experiment on Rembrandt's part.) But, with any luck, a hint of skulduggery will send many more visitors than might otherwise have been expected, and they should find the show quite fascinating.

It includes 20 paintings generally supposed to be by Rembrandt, 19 of them from the National Gallery's own collection. (The twentieth is "Judas and the Thirty Pieces of Silver", from an unnamed private collection.) Among them are several which are as reliably Rembrandt and as fine as anything in the world. There are also a handful of very minor works, the attribution of which (unless they were put up for sale) is neither here nor there. And in each case a mass of additional documentation has been put together: preparatory drawings, related prints, X-radiographs, infra-red photographs and giant magnifications of paint samples, to show how the final effect has been built up through layers and layers of paint.

Anyone visiting the show will emerge with a much clearer idea of just how the technical side of art scholarship works. If he finds a supposed Rembrandt unrecognized in a country sale he will probably be considerably more wary. And, in a curious way, all this rather chilling technical data does not put one off the pictures themselves. The drama of "Belshazzar's Feast" is if anything enhanced by knowledge of how Rembrandt built up his effects and, in a couple of instances, changed his mind. The fact that the signature on the portrait of Hendrickje Stoffels is possibly not in Rembrandt's own hand does not in any way lessen the power of the broad, almost Impressionist handling of paint, which could hardly be by anyone else.

And finally we are driven back to a basic appreciation of the need for connoisseurship, humanly fallible though it is bound to be. The tests can prove that something is wrong, but finally they cannot prove that it is right: only a trained eye can produce convincing evidence of that.

If the National Gallery has one of the best collections of Rembrandt in the world, the Courtauld Institute is also doing pretty well in its representation of Rubens. This comes from a bequest 10 years ago by Count Antoine Seilet, and means that there are available for showing in the Institute's galleries, until January 8, eight important oil sketches, newly cleaned and restored, and more than 20 drawings by Rubens himself, as well as a number associated with him, by pupils or after lost works or preparatory to engravings.

Here the insight into a master's working methods is achieved by less obviously technological means than at the National Gallery, but it is riveting nevertheless: we can see how ideas for pictures originated and were elaborated, and we can observe something of the way that the factory side of Rubens's production operated. While the oil sketches, for decorative schemes for the Jesuit Church in Antwerp and for Philip IV of Spain, are of perhaps mainly scholarly interest, some of the drawings are wonderful in their own right.

This year's celebrations of Gainsborough's bicentenary (of his death, that is) have been rather too scattered to register very strongly, especially after the Tate's big Gainsborough show a few years ago and its enormous success in Paris afterwards. But there have been five shows up and down the country, two of them in London: the summer show at Kenwood and **A Nest of Nightingales**, which is at Dulwich Picture Gallery until December 30. This too has its technical aspects, with the paraphernalia of X-rays and micro-sections applied to the key picture in the show, "The Linley Sisters" of 1771/72. But otherwise all is left to old-fashioned connoisseurship and even more old-fashioned enjoyment.

The nest of nightingales in question was the Linley family of Bath, best remembered because of their connection with Sheridan: one of them wrote the music for *The Duenna*, and another eloped with him. Gainsborough knew them all, and painted several members of the family apart from the two musical sisters. Perhaps the most striking picture is the wistful late portrait of Mrs Richard Brinsley Sheridan, which would seem to imply that elopement does not necessarily end happily ever after.

And why is this at Dulwich, specifically? Because one of the Linley boys, Ozias, became a well-known master at Dulwich College, his eccentricities chronicled by many in word and picture, including here J.C. Horsley's amusing "Old Time Tuition at Dulwich College" (1828), which shows him holding class from his bed to obviate the necessity of rising early.

Wonderful in its own right: Rubens's drawing, in pen and ink, point of brush and wash over chalk, for "The Calumny of Apelles"

Welcome power and attack

CONCERTS

LPO/Solti
Festival Hall

This was what we had been waiting for. The vigour and the intensity of Sir Georg Solti's Bartók were on Sunday night conveyed without the problems of ensemble that had been a worry in the first concert of the series. Only in the first movement of the Second Piano Concerto were the London Philharmonic a bit adrift at times; they were right on target for the presto inserted in the slow movement (where high speed and weightlessness gave the music a manic unreality quite apt for a momentarily speeded-up adagio) and for the finale.

Andras Schiff's special clarity as a Bach player was very much to the point, as was the straining intemperateness of rhythm and sound that he seemed to pick up from Solti. Meanwhile that same quality in the orchestra reminded one that Bartók in his most classical period was still the composer of *The Miraculous Mandarin*, which Solti attacks in his next concert. If he can persuade the LPO woodwind to come forward a little more to meet the splendid brass, that should be quite an occasion.

In the *Two Portraits* Solti's high charge in the second and Lydia Mordkovitch's nostalgic solo violin playing in the first perhaps overdid the contrast, in particular making the second piece appear too short. But the Divertimento, with a big yet limber string ensemble founded on five desks of basses, was stronger than I have heard it before, challenging the Music for Strings, and the concert ended with a powerful performance of the rare *Cantata Profana*.

One reason for its rarity is the difficulty and of course the language of the choral music, but in both respects the London Philharmonic Choir were excellently prepared, showing necessary energy in the tenor section. The solo tenor, too, needs to sing out fearlessly with the voice of the wild, and Justin Lavender gave a brave account of the part. Neil Howlett was the appropriately more lyrical, human baritone in a performance that confidently established the work's dark vital centrality to Bartók.

Paul Griffiths

Philharmonia/ Menuhin/ Rozhdestvensky
Festival Hall

It is a familiar tale of musical history that Enrique Granados met an untimely end when the boat he was travelling in during the First World War was torpedoed. What is not so well known is that he and his wife were sailing back from New York, where his new operatic version of the celebrated piano *Goyescas* had just opened at the Met, and that they drowned partly because they were weighed down by the gold sewn into their coat-linings.

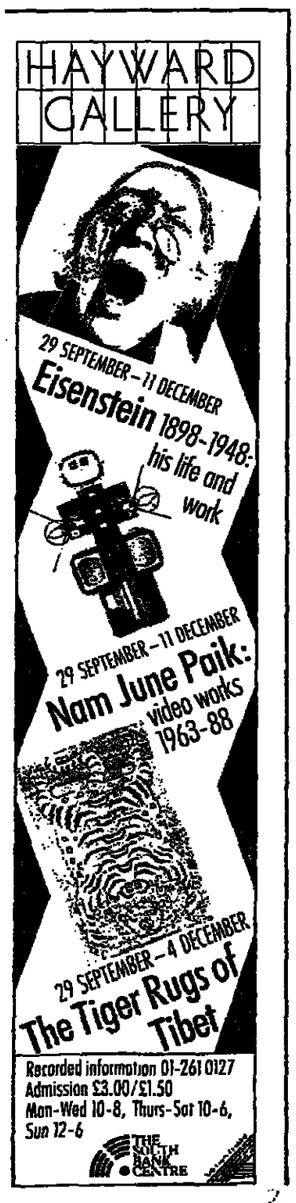
The opera *Goyescas*, receiving its UK premiere on Saturday night, proves the music to be, rather surprisingly, quintessentially vocal in expression. It is also imaginatively scored, and Gennadi Rozhdestvensky with the Philharmonia and their chorus brought out all its Mediterranean colour and warmth.

Occasionally sub-Puccinian textures concealed the vocal lines, but when Jill Gomez as a sensual, affecting Rosario was able to float free, as in her garden love song (based on the famous lady-and-nightingale number), the effect was enchanting.

Thomas Randle was equally ardent as her lover Fernando, and there was strong support from Enrique Baquerizo as the statutory toreador rival and Brigitte Desnoues, the latter's own sweetheart. No doubt we will continue to love and admire the original piano version, but it can never be the same again.

Before the interval came another British premiere – Albéric Magnard's Fourth Symphony – conducted by Sir Yehudi Menuhin. Magnard was a late Romantic of the Franck/d'Indy school, but the symphony is shorter on strongly characterized ideas than is their music. Chugging amiably along, it is not until the finale that the scraps of ideas begin to cohere into anything very memorable.

Barry Millington



Poignant salute

Songmakers' Almanac
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Few, indeed, carried their looks or their truth to the grave. Housman's salute to the truncated youth of the First World War generation took on new poignancy in Sunday's most cunningly planned second concert of the Armistice Festival.

"Cradle to Trench" was the name of the programme devised by Tim Cross and Graham Johnson. All the spoken word (read by James Wilby) was by writers who did not survive the War; the songs, ranging from the esoteric to the mawkish, plied their way in and out of the speech, sometimes anticipating, sometimes casting long shadows of irony.

The first half was so oblique, at times so rarefied as to make the listeners almost sympathize with the words of the American versifier, Joyce Kilmer, who scorned those "little poets mincing there with women's heart and women's hair!" Despite the excitement of the opening song, "Im Heimat", by Rudi Stephan, a sparely and beautifully crafted Schoenbergian piece, the audience was slow to warm to the R.L. Stevenson settings by the little known Hungarian composer Aladàr Radó, or the wandering Neruda settings of the Czech Jaroslav Novotny.

With the moving evening reflections of the American poet, Alan Seeger, hanging in the air of the introduction to one of Butterworth's Folk Songs of Sussex, the audience were at last drawn in.

Adrian Thompson sang this and the Poulenc/Appollinaire "Bleuet" with a sensitivity matched only by Graham Johnson's finely drawn accompanying; Anne Howells caught exactly the shell-shocked numbness of their "Mutation", and Richard Jackson sang both Butterworth and Poulenc with passionate and stylish articulation. After Appollinaire's last words and Gurney's "Lights Out", the rest was silence.

Hilary Finch

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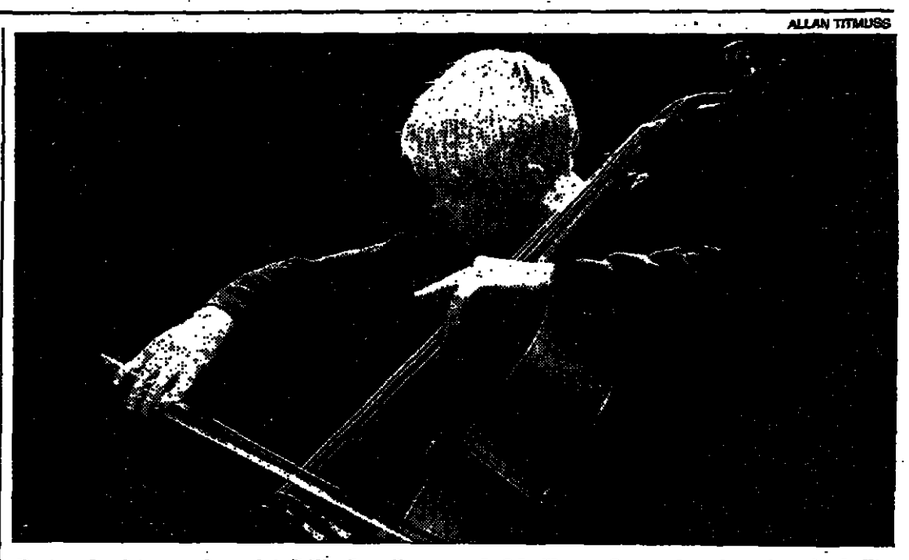

Post-modernist proves her point: Cellist Joan Jeanrenaud of the Kronos Quartet has virtuosity, wit, vitality

Oh to be in Manhattan

NEW MUSIC

Kronos Quartet/ Naked City
Royalty

Sunday night's concert by the Kronos Quartet and John Zorn's Naked City was good enough to make anyone ache for the excitement of Manhattan, for a spirit that mixes the intellectual capacity to push the envelope with the sheer desire to get out there and do it for real.

A string quartet for the post-modern age sounds like a dinner-table dream. David Harrington, Hank Dutt, John Sherba and Joan Jeanrenaud went out and did it, becoming one of the key ensembles of the Eighties. From the audience's point of view, they are a sort of reward for the development of good listening habits.

Following their triumph with Steve Reich's "Different Trains" on the South Bank last week, they stayed in London to present a more characteristic repertoire. In half a dozen pieces which ranged from the exuberant rhythmic games of Astor Piazzolla's "Four for Tango" through the rustic simplicity of Kevin Volens's "Hunting Gathering" to the desolate landscape of Aarvo Pärt's "Fratres", they displayed unflagging virtuosity, elegance, wit and vitality.

Only in the rather nondescript patterns of Terry Riley's "Half Wolf Dancing Mad in Moonlight" did one feel that they were merely adding a composer's scalp to their belt. No Monk or Hendrix this time, but John Zorn's "Cat o' Nine Tails" burst out of its prevailing mood of exaggerated menace (like a Bernard Herrmann score for an Acid House remake of *Psycho*) with absurd snatches swiped from the Grand Ole Opry or the Palm Court.

In his gleeful willingness to borrow from any source that appeals to him, Zorn may be the only truly modern composer at work today. To a technique capable of coping with American traditions from Charles Ives to Cecil Taylor, he brings a sensibility open to the influences of film scores, hip-hop and sampling. All these attributes were gloriously displayed in the music of Naked City, which featured the leader on alto saxophone with the guitarist Bill Frisell, the keyboardist Wayne Horvitz, the bassist Fred Frith and the drummer Joey Baron.

Zorn's enthusiasm is matched by his rigour. To hear him bring the focused energy of post-Ramones hardcore rock to bear on Ornette Coleman's "Lonely Woman" (repositioned on the riff from Roy Orbison's "Oh Pretty Woman") and on Ennio Morricone's theme from *Erotico* (with a guitar solo by Frisell that was all we dreamed Hendrix might one day be capable of) was to hear someone absorbing the world and making sense of it. The sheer physical force of music was exhilarating, but could not mask the subtlety of its passions.

Richard Williams

Director designed out of existence by Hockney

OPERA IN ITALY

Tristan und Isolde
Florence

"David Hockney discovers new spaces – to glorify music and abolish directors." This arresting claim, printed above an Italian magazine interview with the artist-in-exile, turns out to be substantially true – not in the sense that Hockney's designs for *Tristan und Isolde* obviate the need for a director, but that they make sure his contribution will pass almost unnoticed.

First seen in Los Angeles last year and now on show in Florence, this *Tristan* hangs on the edge of boundless space: the ship's prow in the first acts veers dizzyingly away like a runway to eternity, the battlements in the third sweep up to a craggy launching pad for souls en route to *ew'ge Nacht*. The trouble with these virtuoso exercises in perspective is that the performers never get near them: for real theatrical impact the lovers would have to drink the love-potion on the prow and expire on the edge of the void, but then they would be distant and inaudible. So the unvarying result is a Hockney picture with figures clustered in the foreground.

The first two acts are a sensual riot of pinks and violets, and constant subtle shifts of colour and illumination create some beautiful images, particularly in the last act, when the sun's arc is calibrated by Tristan's suffering for the last time. But elsewhere the use of lighting, although dramatically motivated, contrives to undermine the music – it is high noon long before the love duet is interrupted, and the sudden dawn after a crepuscular *Liebestod* cannot but seem perfunctory.

Jonathan Miller attempted to direct this *Tristan* in Los Angeles but he evidently did not enjoy being abolished – he disagreed with Hockney and failed to come to Florence. The circumscribed action, now credited to Jeannette Aster, is mostly clear and conventional.

Lisbeth Balslev is a splendid Isolde, her bright vibrant soprano encompassing the role's huge demands right to the last note of an ecstatic *Liebestod*. She is also a fine actress – even when immobile, she registers every emotion in her lean, tense figure. Unfortunately the total effect of this performance, together with Matthias Hölle's imposing King Mark and Nadine Denize's stalwart Brangäne, is greatly weakened by Wolfgang Fassler's raucous and unpoetic Tristan.

Gustav Kuhn gets excellent playing from the Maggio Orchestra in an urgent, full-blooded interpretation – no ethereal passions here – and maintains an admirable balance between stage and pit.

Nigel Jamieson

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FASHION by Liz Smith

A good dressing-down

What does the high-powered career woman slip into when she gets home after a fraught day? Certainly not a tracksuit and plimsolls

Right: Susannah Constantine in an Alistair Blair purple cashmere tunic (Alistair Blair for McGeorge knitwear, available January); leggings, £19.99, Miss Selfridge. Make-up: Debbie Bunn. Hair: Peter Kanny for Gavin Hodge Photographs by Terry O'Neill

Wafting an aura of power and Arpège around her, she steps out of the house in the morning dressed the part. One of the new breed of working women, designers have been determinedly pursuing her with clothes in which she can chair a meeting, clinch a contract or lunch with clients. But when she closes the front door behind her at the end of the day, what does she slip into?

No-stress dressing, that "something loose" that is neither gardening jeans nor a negligée, is as vital for today's busy woman as her working wardrobe. The few I buttonholed on the subject acknowledged that an essential part of unwinding at the end of a non-stop day is to change into something comfortable.

High heels are exchanged for low. The short skirt that provides a snappy, business-like feel for the day is often swapped for something longer and softer. Leggings or loose trousers, easy pull-on tunics and sweaters or tiny wrap-over ballerina tops are the sort of pieces that go on when working clothes come off.

Manufacturers who provide sophisticated women with simple styles in soothing, comfortable cloth have cornered a valuable slice of the market. Classic knitwear companies, such as Pringle and Ballantyne, which ease necklines on their simple sweaters, stretch them into elegant tunics and supply easy-waisted skirts and trousers to match, do well. For an equally relaxed style, Lady Beeley's Image d'Or collection of loose wool and silk shirts and dresses based on authentic jellabas and caftans is perfect.

Jean Muir long ago worked out the perfect trousers – comfortable at the waist and flatteringly cut. She wears them in flannel or crêpe with a jersey top in London, in tartan with a cashmere sweater in the country.

"I always change into something comfortable as soon as I get home, and then I take the dogs for a walk." Interior designer Tricia Guild, voicing the need echoed by other busy women, adds untypically that she often gets dressed up again later in the evening to join her husband, Richard Polo, at his Covent Garden restaurants. Her style never wavers however, even in *déshabillé*. One of the dozen loose white cotton robes made for her in Morocco invariably accompanies her on business trips.

One might suppose from her regular appearances in the press partying in one slinky sequin number after another that Susannah Constantine, public relations manager for the designer Alistair Blair, rarely spends a cosy evening in her flat.

"Not so," she insists. "At least twice a week you would find me cooking supper in sweatshirt or sweater worn with leggings."

Top: Tricia Guild of Designers Guild in Romeo Gigli gold cotton blouse, £215; brocade trousers, £190; suede shoes, £185; Browns, South Molton Street, W1
Above: Linda Hanson, managing director, Chase Investment Bank, in black/cream silk tunic, £176; satin trousers, £125; Image d'Or, Pond Place, SW3
Hair/make-up: Judith Pallan. Photograph: Henry Bourne

Linda Hanson, managing director of Chase Investment Bank, changes pace by kicking off her shoes and slipping on one of several loose robes picked up on her business travels. "At the end of the day I do not want to have to worry about accessories, or if the cuff of my sleeve is trailing in the spaghetti," she says. Her Omani cream-embroidered jellaba or "dish-dash", red-and-gold embroidered caftan, and batik robes from the Philippines and Malaysia reflect the style she adopts when she gets home.

Lindy Woodhead, non-executive director of Harvey Nichols and head of her own public relations company, has evolved three comfortable outfits from the double-jersey separates by American knitwear designer Adrienne Vittadini (available at Harvey Nichols, of course). "Americans do those sort of easy clothes so well. It is my version of the tracksuit," Woodhead says.

After-hours spree

Fashion's current fling with serapes and shawls tossed over everything from a swing coat to a sequinned bustier means business is brisk in the scarf department of every store, writes *Liz Smith*.

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■ **AU REVOIR, LES ENFANTS (PG):** Louis Malle's semi-autobiographical drama, set in the last months of World War Two (107 min).
Curzon Mayfair (01-499 3737). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.20, 8.50.

■ **BAGDAD CAFE (PG):** Percy Adlon presents the comic tale of a middle-class tourist from Bavaria, stranded in the American West (91 min).
Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742). Progs 1.00, 3.00, 5.00, 7.05, 9.05.

■ **BIG (PG):** Tom Hanks plays the child turned grown-up in this latest role-reversal comedy (105 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 4.35, 7.05, 9.35.
Odeon High St Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905, 586 3057). Progs 1.20, 3.35, 6.00, 8.45.
Odeon West End (01-930 5252/7615). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.45.

■ **BUSTER (15):** Phil Collins makes his cinema debut in a film surveying the life of Buster Edwards (102 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.00, 4.35, 7.05, 9.35.
Odeon High St Kensington (01-602 6644). *Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.35.*
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905, 586 3057). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.45.

DISTANT VOICES, STILL LIVES (15): Set in Liverpool in the 1940s and '50s – a moving exorcism of family guests, ingeniously set to popular *music* (85 min).
☎ **Lumiere** (01-836 0691). Progs 1.20, 3.15, 5.10, 7.10, 9.10.

DREAM DEMON (18): Fanciful British horror film with Kathleen Wilhoite and Jemma Redgrave (93 min).
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.40, 5.05, 7.35, 10.05.

A FISH CALLED WANDA (15): The adventures of two scheming Americans an upright English barrister and an animal rights fanatic (109 min)
***Cannon Oxford St** (01-636 0310) Progs* 1.35, 4.45, 8.00.
Cannon Baker St (01-935 9772). Progs 2.20, 5.10, 8.00.
Cannon Fulham Rd (01-370 2636). Progs 2.10, 5.55, 9.05.

☎ **Plaza 1** (01-200 0200). Progs 12.00, 2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30.
Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 2.00, 4.05, 6.40, 8.40.

FRANTIC (15): Roman Polanski's latest film – a conventional mystery drama with Harrison Ford.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.00, 6.30, 9.15.
Cannon Oxford St (01-636 0310). Progs 2.15, 5.10, 8.10.
Cannon Panton St (01-930 0631). Progs 2.05, 4.45, 7.30, 10.15.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). *Progs 12.50, 3.25, 6.00, 8.35.*

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

ROUNCEVAL
(c) A woman of large build and boisterous or loose manners, also a large pea, a wart, gigantic, a monster, possibly but not probably from Roncesvalles in the Pyrenees where big Roland blew his horn: "I am not yet of that giant size but I may pass for a bona roba, a rounceval, a virago, or a good manly lass."

FATISCENT
(c) *Having chinks or clefts, cracked,* from the Latin *fatiscere* to open in chinks, ultimately from the Latin *fatigo* and a connection with yawning: "Fatiscent granite."

SCAVENGER'S DAUGHTER
(b) *An instrument of torture, invented in the reign of Henry VIII by Leonard Skeffington, Lieutenant of the Tower; by bringing the head to* the knees, it so compressed the body as to force the blood from the *nose and ears*: "*One of the* instruments of torture, called the scavenger's daughter or Little Ease, *employed in the Tower on* Catholics."

CHERNOZEM
(b) *A very fertile soil of sub-humid* steppe, consisting of a dark topsoil over a lighter calcareous layer, from the *Russian chernyi*black + *zemlya* earth: "The Black Earth district of Central Russia, where the famous chernozem soil prevails."

THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **ASYLUM:** In Paul Kember's new play Sarah Miles is one of the inmates confronting bulldozers, a video documentary crew and the bewildering world outside.
Lyric Theatre, King St, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Opens tonight 7-9.30pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.45-10.15pm; Mats Wed 2.30-5pm and Sat 4-6.30pm, £5-£10.

☆ **BETTER IN MY DREAMS:** See caption.
Watermans Arts Centre, 40 High Street, Brentford (01-568 1176). Train (BR): Kew Bridge. Mon-Sat 8pm, £5.

☆ **BRIGADOON:** Scotch mists and magic in revival of Lerner and Loewe's first hit musical.
Victoria Palace, Victoria St SW1 (01-834 1317). Tube: Victoria. Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm. Mats Thurs, Sat 2.30-5pm, £8-£20.

☆ **DRIVING MISS DAISY:** Wendy Hiller, Barry Foster, Clarke Peters in this year's Pulitzer prizewinner: the *relationship between an elderly Jewess* and her black chauffeur. Fragile material but fine acting.
Apollo Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 8-9.30pm, mats Sat 5-6.30pm, £5-£14.

☆ **EASY VIRTUE:** Attractive revival of Nöel Coward 1926 with Jane How scandalizing her teenage husband's frightful county folks
Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross Road WC2 (01-379 6107) Tube Leicester *Square Mon-Fri 8 10 15pm.* Sat 8 15-10.30pm, mat Tues 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £7.50-£12.50.

Sylvia Syms (above) makes her debut as a director with *Better In My Dreams*, a new play by Helen Kluger, which has its first performance tonight at Watermans Arts Centre (see listing). Amanda Boxer, Rosemary Smith, Veronica Roberts appear as sisters whose *father faces extradition from the* US as a war criminal. A Jewish journalist (Helen Kluger) is the catalyst for a new shared understanding. The piece is presented by Union 212, a production company of which Sylvia Syms's daughter, the actress Beatie Edney, is a leading member.

Still steeling the show

With a new single, "Reaching Out", boasting a lovelorn lyric and a breezy, neo-calypso rhythmic inflexion, Steel Pulse may be the next indigenous reggae band to pass through the door to pop chart success opened last year by their contemporaries, *Aswad. Formed* in Birmingham in 1975, the five-piece Steel Pulse, led by the singer, songwriter and palm-tree haircut David Hinds, enjoyed considerable acclaim and a Top 10 album *(Handsworth Revolution)* during the unlikely alliance between punk and reggae in the late Seventies. However, in recent years, the band has slipped from view here, preferring to concentrate its energies on the mainstream American rock market by touring as support to acts such as Robert Palmer. A forthcoming album, *State Of Emergency*, combines politically-inspired lyrics with polished love songs and a varied, mercurial beat, perhaps signposting a mainstream direction for reggae *in the Nineties*. Steel Pulse's tour starts tonight at Leas Cliff Hall, The Leas, Folkestone (0303 53193) 7.30pm, £4.50-£5; tomorrow, Top Rank, Brighton (0273 732627); Thursday, Brixton Academy, London SW9 (01-326 1022); Friday, University of East Anglia, Norwich (0603 505401); Saturday, Essex University, Colchester (0206 863211); Monday 14, *Exeter University* (0392 263528); Tuesday 15, Hummingbird, Birmingham (021 236 4236); Thursday 17, *Newcastle University* (091 232 8402); Friday 18, International 2, Manchester (061 224 5050); Saturday 19, Keele University (0782 *621111*). *David Sinclair*

☆ **THE HEART OF A DOG:** Cambridge Youth Theatre's terrific production of Bulgakov's satire: mongrel transplant into Moscow prole goes crazily wrong.
Half Moon Theatre, 213 Mile End Road, *E1 (01 790 4000) Tube* Stepney Green Mon-Sat 7 30-9pm £3 50-£6 50 Charity Gala in presence of Prince Edward, Nov 9, £14.

★ **LETTICE AND LOVAGE:** Geraldine McEwan and Sara Kestelman take over the leads in Peter Schaffer's smash comedy where two unlikely partners wage eccentric war against the modern world.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.45-10.15pm, mat Sat 3-5.30pm, £7.50-£15. (D)

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queen's Theatre (01-734 1166) . . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072) . . . ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399) . . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108) . . . ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassador Theatre (01-836 6111) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913) . . . ☆ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443) . . . ☆ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** *Criterion Theatre* (01-930 3216) . . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665)

OUT OF TOWN

DERBY: ☆ ***The Queen of Spades:*** Adaptation of Pushkin's atmospheric tale of greed, gambling and the supernatural.
Playhouse, Eagle Centre (0332 363275). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Sat 8pm, £4.50-£6.50.

WINCHESTER: ★ **The Tempest:** Cheek by Jowl's national tour: Timothy Walker plays Prospero; Keight Bartlett plays the man with the wound.
Theatre Royal, Jewry Street (0962 843434), Tues-Thurs 7.30pm, £4.50-£6.50.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **SIMON BLOUNT:** This oboist plays Schumann s Romances Op 94 and Andante and Allegro plus Pasculli s Variations on Themes from Donizetti s *La Favorita*. *Richard Chandler is at the* piano.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Sq, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-2pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **FAR FROM HOME:** As part of the Armistice Festival, under the title "Far from Home: World War I," the bass baritone Alan Fairs sings songs by Elgar, Butterworth, Gurney, Parry plus *marching, jingoistic and other popular* songs of the time. Heather Fairs accompanies.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£6.

☆ **MOSCOW DAWN:** Yuri Temirkanov conducts the Scottish National Orchestra in "Dawn on Moscow River" from Mussorgsky's *Khovanschina*, Act I of *The Nutcracker* by Tchaikovsky and Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 3 (John Lill, soloist).
Music Hall, Union St, Aberdeen (0224 *641122*), *7.30pm, £3.60-£11.*

OPERA

☆ ***THE BARBER OF SEVILLE:*** *Jonathan* Miller's *commedia dell'arte*-style production continues its run at English National Opera, with Alan Opie back in the title role and Della Jones as an outstanding Rosina. James Holmes has now taken over the baton.
Coliseum, St Martin s Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161). 7.30-10.30pm, £2.50-£26.

☆ **LA TRAVIATA:** Glyndebourne Touring Opera's streamlined staging of Peter Hall's original production now *features the young Italian tenor Roberto* Alagna as Alfredo.
Palace Theatre, Manchester (061 236 9922). 7-10pm, £5-£20.

☆ **THE MAGIC FLUTE:** Jonathan Miller's delightfully bookish production *for Scottish Opera reaches Aberdeen on* tour with Maldwyn Davies as Tamino.
His Majesty's Theatre, Aberdeen (0224 641122) 7 15-10.30pm, £3-£15.

☆ **FALSTAFF:** The new production by Peter Stein, which has divided critical opinion, now arrives in Birmingham with Donald Maxwell in the title role.
Hippodrome, Birmingham (021 622 7486) 7.15-9.30pm, £9.50-£25.

☆ **THE MAGIC FLUTE:** Graham Vick's new production for the ever-enterprising City of Birmingham Touring Opera.
Civic Theatre, Barnsley (0226 206757) 7.30-10.30pm, £4-£6.50.

ROCK

☆ **BOXCAR WILLIE:** The man with country music in his soul and the hobo life in his blood! Also featuring Margo *Smith and Colorado.*
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, London W1 (01-580 8845) 8pm, £7.50-£9.50.

☆ **GRAHAM PARKER:** The rehabilitation which *began* with the generally well-received *Mona Lisa's Sister* album, continues with the singer's *first UK performance* in more than three years.
Town & Country, 9-17 Highgate Road, London NW5 (01-284 0303) 7pm, £7.50.

JAZZ

☆ **IRAKERE:** Chucho Valdez's exhilerating Cubans are back in residence until Sat, supported by a versatile quartet led by the trumpeter *Dave Defries.*
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £10 *(members £2).*

☆ **TAL FARLOW:** One of the leading bebop guitarists of his generation, the ex-Red Norvo sideman is back on the scene after retreating from the US circuit in the late 1950s.
Hawthorns Hotel, Woodland Road, Bristol (0272 47256) 8pm, £6.

☆ **LOOSE TUBES:** Django Bates and *friends continue their Autumn tour*, with material from their Teo Macero-produced LP, *Open Letter.*
The Civic Hall, London Road, Guildford (0483 67314/5) 7.45pm, £5.50-£7.50.

DANCE

☆ ***NEW DEMONS:*** *Canadian company* La La La in new acrobatic rock ballet by Edouard Lock.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, London, EC1 (01-278 8916). 7.30-9.30pm. £3.50-£12.50.

☆ **TESTAMENT:** Robert Cohan's bible ballet for London Contemporary Dance Theatre with several short works.
Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 459351).

DARK ELEGIES: Tudor's great ballet, by Rambert Dance Company, with Richard Alston's *Rhapsody in Blue* and *Strong Language.*
Haymarket, Leicester (0533 539797). 7.30-9.45pm, £4.-£8.50.

GALLERIES

EXCAVATIONS: Mysterious works by three important women artists; Sue *Arrowsmith, Amanda Faulkner* and Kate Whiteford.
John Hansard Gallery, The University, Southampton (0703 559122), Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, free, until Dec 17

JOHN HESELTINE: Original painted illustrations for magazines such as *Band Wagon* and *John Bull.*
Jeremy Wood Fine Art, East St, Petworth, Sussex (0798 43408), Mon-Sat 10am-2pm & 2.15-5pm, free, until Nov 12.

SHIRAZEH HOUSHIARY: Modern sculpture, organic in form, by an Iranian-born artist.
Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pembroke St, *Oxford (0865 728608), Tues-Sat* 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until Jan 15.

ART AND THE SEA: *18th* and 19th Century maritime paintings by Liverpool artists such as Samuel Walters and Robert Salmon.
Merseyside Maritime Museum, Albert Dock, Liverpool (051 709 1551), Daily 10.30am-5.30pm, £1.

CLASS OF RULERS: An installation by Stuart Brisley and Maya Balcioglu.
Chapter Arts Centre, Market Rd, Canton, *Cardiff* (0222 396061), Tues-Sun noon-5pm & 7-10pm, free, until Dec 4.

WALKS

POLITICAL LONDON – GOVERNMENT **AND PARLIAMENT:** meet Embankment tube, 2pm, £3 (01-882 3414).

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: meet Baker Street tube. 11.30am, £3 (01-937 4281).

THE INNS OF COURT AND OLD BAILEY: meet Temple tube, 2.30pm, £3 *(01-937 4281).*

ORIGINAL GHOSTS, GHOULS AND HAUNTED TAVERNS: meet St Paul's tube, 7pm, £3 *(01-937 4281).*

STJAMES'S – PRINCES AND PERSONALITIES FROM PEPYS TO NANCY ASTOR: meet Piccadilly tube (Southside, outside Clydesdale Bank), 11am and 3pm, £3.

OTHER EVENTS

A SEASON AT GLYNDEBOURNE: To *celebrate* the visit of the Glyndebourne Touring Company to the Palace Theatre, Manchester, this month – and the company's 20th anniversary – an exhibition of photographs of the 1987 season, taken by Ira Nowinski, opens today.
National Museum of Photography, Prince's View, Bradford. Today until Dec 4. Further info (0274 727488).

FLOWER ARRANGING: Yorkshire flower club with a Christmas flower arranging demonstration by Derek Bridges. *Public welcome.*
Royal Baths Assembly Rooms, Harrogate, North Yorkshire. 7.30pm. Small admission charge.

ANTIQUE AND COLLECTORS FAIR: Regular monthly event with 100 stands selling antique items and collectibles.
Brighton Centre, Brighton, East Sussex. 10am-4pm. Admission: 60p.

TOY, TRAIN AND MODEL COLLECTORS FAIR: *Opportunity for* collectors to sell or exchange.
Benn Hall, Newbold Road, Rugby, Warwickshire. 7-10pm.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

DECEMBER AT THE BARBICAN: Includes Beefeater Gin Christmas *concerts, Mendelssohn's Elijah,* costumed performance of *Pirates of Penzance*, Teddy Bear concert, Glenn Miller Orchestra, and concerts in Shostakovich Music from the Flames series; plus full Christmas programme.
Barbican, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891).

SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET IN HULL: Autumn tour includes *Les Sylphides, Petrushka, Theme and Variations, Concerto Barocco, The Edge of Silence, Pineapple Poll, Giselle* and *Bastet.* Nov 15-19.
New Theatre, Hull (0482 226655).

LAST CHANCE

CROWN AND CAMERA: A ROYAL FAMILY ALBUM 1842-1919: Photos from Royal Archives from albums of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert showing photography's documentation of history.
National Museum of Photography, *Prince's View, Bradford, West Yorkshire* (0274 727488). Ends Sun.

ROSEMARIE TROCKEL: First solo show *in Britain by West German artist,* showing artist as alchemist illustrating evolution and origins of human species. also themes
ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (01-930 0493). Ends Sun.

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

CLASSICAL TOP 20

1	(1)	*Elgar: Cello Concerto*	*LSO/Barbirolli/Du Pré, HMV*
2	(2)	Elgar: Cello Concerto	PDO/Barenboim/Du Pré, *CBS*
3	(4)	Holst: The Planets	BPO/Karajan, *DG*
4	(3)	*Lloyd Webber: Requiem*	Brightman/Domingo/ECO, *HMV*
5	(5)	Vivaldi: Four Seasons	Hogwood/AAM, *L'Oiseau Lyre*
6	(7)	Elgar: Cello Concerto	Menuhin/RPO/Webber, *Philips*
7	(6)	Albinoni: Adagio/Pachelbel: Canon	BPO/Karajan, *DG*
8	(10)	Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto 2	Solti/LSO/Katchen, *Decca*
9	(11)	Vivaldi: Four Seasons	Munchinger, *Decca*
10	(9)	Beethoven: *Symphony 5*	BPO/Karajan, *DG*
11	(13)	Elgar/Delius: Cello Concertos	Barbirolli/Du Pré, *HMV*
12	(14)	Holst: The Planets	Solti/LPO, *Decca*
13	(–)	*Handel: Messiah Excerpts*	Marriner/ASMF, *Decca*
14	(8)	Sibelius: Symphony 5	Rattle/CBSO, *HMV*
15	(12)	Wagner: Concert	VPO/Karajan/Norman, *DG*
16	(–)	*Mozart: Piano Concerto in C*	Tate/ECO, *Philips*
17	(–)	Elgar: Enigma Variations	Bernstein/BBC SO, *DG*
18	(18)	Sibelius: Symphonies 4 & 6	Rattle/CBSO, *HMV*
19	(–)	*The Mozart Collection*	Paumgartner/CAS, *Masterpieces*
20	(16)	Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto 2	Ashkenazy/CDA, *Decca*

Source: Music Week Research

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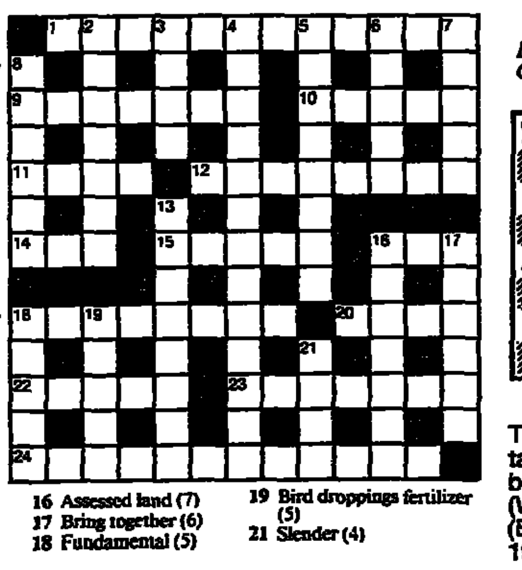

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10 Worth (5)
11 Satan's kingdom (4)
12 Tactful person (8)
14 Mule (3)
15 Pay (5)
16 *Chasing game* (3)
18 Thin French loaf (8)
20 Unruly child (4)
22 *Fine* clay rock (5)
23 Set free (7)
24 Question relentlessly (5-7)

DOWN
2 *Isle of Wight rocks* (7)
3 Cry of pain (4)
4 Roman Gallic hero (13)
5 *Fiction author* (8)
6 Muslim religion (5)
7 Welcome (5)
8 Wheezy disorder (6)
13 Hair pluckers (8)
16 Assessed land (7)
17 Bring together (6)
18 Fundamental (5)
19 Bird droppings fertilizer (5)
21 Slender (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 1713
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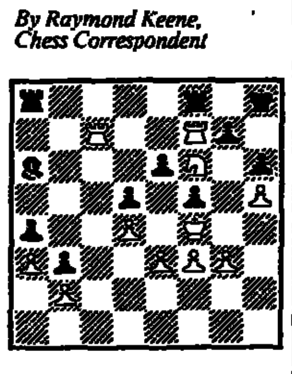
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



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GERALDINE McEWAN SARA KESTELMAN
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ORPHEUS DESCENDING
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HER MAJESTY'S Haymarket 839 2244 CC 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL
THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
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Jan Hartley Morris plays Christine at certain performances Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Now booking period (Postal applications only) June-Sept 30 '89 Queue daily for returns

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DRY ROT
"A FARCE TO BE RECKONED WITH!" D Mail "A Corking Evening Out" D Mir Eves 8 Mats Thur 3 Sat 5

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 01 741 2311 Opens ton't 7pm. Mats Wed 2.30pm Sat 4pm ASYLUM a new play by Paul Kember. Cast includes SARAH MILES. Studio: Eves 8pm Shared experience in THE BACCHAE.

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LYTTELTON Ton't 7.45, Tomor 2.15 & 7.45 THE SECRET RAPTURE new play by David Hare. Ton't & Tomor 6.15 MOUNTAIN LANGUAGE new short play by Harold Pinter.
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PALACE THEATRE 434 0909 24hrs cc 379 4444 (bkg fee) 240 7200 (bkg fee) Groups 930 6123 Grps 494 1671 "THE SHOW OF ALL SHOWS" Newsweek
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DEREK JACOBI
in
RICHARD II
by William Shakespeare. Directed by Clifford Williams Evgs. 7.30 (Nov 28 at 7.00) Mats Thurs and Sat 2.00pm From January 11 RICHARD III

PICCADILLY 867 1118 cc 867 1111/379 4444 (no bkg fee) 240 7200/741 9999 Grps 867 1113 The Fabulous Singlettes in STOP IN THE NAME OF LOVE "A gloriously tongue-in-cheek tribute to the legendary girl groups" Times Mon-Thurs 8 Fri & Sat 6 & 8.30
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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.40 Leon Errol in *Hold 'Em in Jail* (b/w). **6.55** Weather
7.00 Breakfast Time with Kirsty Wark in London and Jeremy Paxman in Washington. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**; regional news and travel reports at **7.27, 7.57** and **8.27**. **8.55** Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Has there been too much coverage of the American presidential election on British television? To contribute ring 061-814 0424
9.20 Kilroy! Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on the opening up of the airwaves
10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r). **10.25** Children's BBC introduced by Andy Crane begin with Playbus **10.50** Jimbo and the Jet Set (r). **10.55** Five to Eleven. Robert Eddison with a reading
11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Includes Alan Coren, editor of *The Listener*, discussing the role of the television critic.
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live with Alan Titchmarsh, Sue Cook and Floella Benjamin. The guests include Terry Wogan, and there are further details of the tranquillizer helpline. **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather. **1.30** Neighbours. Charlene and Scott trip down the aisle. **1.50** Going for Gold. European general knowledge quiz
2.15 Film: Woman and the Hunter (1957) starring David Farrar and Ann Sheridan. A disillusioned safari guide accepts a commission to escort a party of Americans. But the big game hunt soon becomes a man-hunt. Directed by George Breakston.
3.40 Cartoon. *Chinese Nightingale* (r). **3.50** PC Pinkerton **4.00** Fireman Sam (r). **4.10** Ratman with Bob Todd and Phillip Schofield (r). **4.15** What's Your Story? **4.30** Knowhow. Learning series
4.55 Newsround **5.05** Grange Hill. Episode 14 of the 20-part serial (r). (Ceefax) **5.30** What's Your Story? Sylvester McCoy awaits viewers' ideas for the next episode of the drama **5.35** Neighbours (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Nicholas Witchell and Laurie Mayer
6.30 London Plus and weather
7.00 Telly Addicts. This second quarter-final pits the Thoburns of Bedlington against the Perry family from Maidstone.
7.30 EastEnders. Pete has a quiet word with Pauline. (Ceefax)
8.00 Fawlty Towers. Basil has trouble with a hard of hearing guest who insists she has had a sum of money stolen (r).
8.30 A Question of Sport presented by David Coleman. This week Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Ronnie Whelan, Steve Redgrave, Ian Taylor and Elliot Bunney. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis in London and Michael Buerk in Washington. Regional news and weather
9.30 South of the Border. In this third episode of the private eye series Pearl and Finn are hired by a solicitor to investigate a suspected case of arson at a warehouse. Starring Buki Armstrong and Rosie Rowell. (Ceefax)
10.20 Film: Hard Contract (1969) starring James Coburn and Lee Remick. Thriller about a professional assassin on a contract to kill three people whose ice-cool temperament is threatened when he meets a society beauty. Directed by S. Lee Pogostin
12.05am Weather.

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News and The Morning Programme introduced by Richard Keys and Kathy Rochford; **7.00** News followed by Good Morning Britain presented by Mike Morris and Kathy Rochford; **8.00** News; **9.00** News and After Nine which includes Merrill Thomas discussing catalogue fashion
9.25 Lucky Ladders. **9.55** Thames news and weather **10.00** The Time. . .The Place. . . Sue King chairs a discussion on a topical subject
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Includes items on knitting and on teaching babies and young children how to swim. Plus national news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55**
12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets **12.30** A Country Practice.
1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville **1.20** Thames news and weather
1.30 Film: Don't Ever Leave Me (1948, b/w) starring Jimmy Hanley and Petula Clark. A comedy about an all-too-willing teenage girl kidnap victim. Directed by Arthur Crabtree
3.00 Give Us a Clue. Celebrity mime game chaired by Michael Parkinson. This afternoon Lionel Blair and Liza Goddard are joined by William Boyde, Gilly Coman, Suzanne Dando, Derek Griffiths, Martin Jarvis and Judy Loe **3.25** Thames news and weather **3.30** The Young Doctors.
4.00 Tickle on the Tum. Village tales for children **4.10** The Adventures of Tintin (r). **4.45** Count Duckula.
5.15 Blockbusters.
5.45 News with Alastair Stewart
6.00 Thames news and weather followed by Crimestoppers
6.25 Help with details of the British Association of Cancer United Patients
6.30 Prove It. Chris Tarrant meets people with talents to be taken to task
7.00 Strike It Lucky. Quiz game show presented by Michael Barrymore
7.30 World Championship Boxing. Sugar Ray Leonard of the United States meets Canada's Donny Lalonde for the WBC light-heavyweight and super-middleweight titles in Las Vegas
8.00 The Bill. PC Melvin disturbs two drug addicts who have broken into a chemist shop. Later he discovers one of them is the daughter of an MP. (Oracle)
8.30 The Return of Shelley. The reluctant hero is pressed for his rent by Carol and is the subject of threats from an unknown source. Starring Hywel Bennett
9.00 Boon. The second and final part of the opening story of the series and Boon and Margaret join forces to help Ken whose dubious charity event is exposed by an investigative reporter. Starring Michael Elphick, David Daker and Amanda Burton
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall **10.30** Thames news and weather
10.35 Witness. The first of a three part series on the role of the social worker in Bradford's inner city.
11.35 America: The '88 Vote. The early results of the American presidential election
2.10am Film: Shout at the Devil (1975) starring Lee Marvin and Roger Moore. Lighthearted adventure yarn about two pre-First World War, Zanzibar-based mercenaries, plundering ivory and other valuables from German territory. Directed by Peter Hunt. Includes American election updates at **2.30, 3.00, 3.30** and **4.00**
4.45 America: The '88 Vote. The latest results.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00.**

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax **9.30** Daytime on Two: economic awareness **10.00** Austria **10.15** *Badger Girl* **10.40** Investigating science: classification **11.00** Clothes **11.18** Wondermaths **11.35** A street in rural Devon **12.00** Places in people's religious experience **12.20** Senses **12.40** Third year choices **1.00** German conversation
1.25 King Roll (r). **1.30** Animal Fair (r). **1.40** Outlook. Part four of *The Book That Changed the World*
2.00 News and weather followed by You and Me (r). **2.15** See Hear! (r). **2.40** Under Sail (r).
3.00 News and weather followed by Sky Doctor — A Lifeline for the Outback. A *World About Us* documentary about Australia's Royal Flying Doctor Service (r). **3.50** News, regional news and weather
4.00 Dr Kildare. The second and final part of the medical drama (r). **4.25** Look, Stranger. Edward Sneath and his groom, Charles Cooke, discuss farm horses (r). **4.50** Northern Arts. Newcastle upon Tyne's Moot Hall (r).
5.00 Advice Shop. Patients' rights
5.30 First Time Garden (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Film: Best of the Badmen (1951) starring Robert Ryan. Western adventure set at a time after the American Civil War about a former Union colonel and his vendetta against a vindictive lawman. Directed by William D. Russell
7.20 Personal Notes. John Williams discusses the art of dramatic scoring with André Previn
8.00 Antonio's Italy. Restaurateur Antonio Carluccio takes catering student Denise Perkins to his native north-west Italy
8.30 Brass Tacks: The Road to Recovery? Chesterfield's job vacancies
9.00 Colin's Sandwich. Comedy series starring Mel Smith. (Ceefax)
9.30 The Mind Machine. Part eight — pain and healing
10.20 Building Sights. The third of eight programmes on modern architecture
10.30 Newsnight **11.35** Weather
11.40 Decision 88. The American presidential election results. Ends at approximately **3.00am**

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Schools.
12.00 The Parliament Programme
12.30 Business Daily.
1.00 Jobsearch (r). (Oracle)
1.30 Be Your Own Boss. Setting up a business (r). (Oracle)
2.00 Film: The Arsenal Stadium Mystery (1939, b/w) starring Leslie Banks. A footballer is murdered during a charity game. Directed by Thorold Dickinson
3.35 From Here to Reality. A Norwegian animated film
3.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Mothers and teenage daughters air their differences
4.30 Fifteen-to-One.
5.00 American Football. New Orleans Saints at the Washington Redskins
6.00 The Cosby Show.
6.30 Design Matters: Cities With a Future? Southampton (r).
7.00 Channel 4 News with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen
7.50 Comment followed by Weather
8.00 The Divided Kingdom. Scotland's Margo MacDonald examines Ulster's contrasting Protestant and Catholic cultures. (Oracle)
8.30 4 What It's Worth. Joan Shenton reports on the dangers of NSAIDs — nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs — prescribed to combat arthritis
9.00 The Other Europe. The fourth of six programmes on Europe's communist countries.
10.00 Eurocops. (see Choice)
11.05 The New Statesman (r).
11.35 American Football (r).
12.35 The Reel Reagan. Three films featuring Ronald Reagan, beginning with Bedtime for Bonzo (1951, b/w) in which he plays a college professor having trouble with his fiancée's father. Directed by Frederick Decordova
2.10 Film: Desperate Journey (1942, b/w). Second World War drama about the crew of a crashed 'plane making good their escape through the Black Forest. With Errol Flynn. Directed by Raoul Walsh
4.10 Film: Dark Victory (1939, b/w). An heiress discovers she has only one year to live. With Bette Davis. Directed by Edmund Goulding. Ends at **6.00.**

A cop for Europe

TELEVISION CHOICE

The beat goes on: John Benfield stars as a British policeman in the first of a series about continental cops (C4, 10.00pm)

● Watching tonight's first story in the new crime series **Eurocops** (Channel 4, 10.00pm) you may feel that you have seen a dozen like it. Billy Hamon's story, *Hunting the Squirrel*, could have been an episode from *Z-Cars*, or *Softly Softly* or *Juliet Bravo*, well enough done but with nothing to mark it off from the general run of the genre. John Benfield plays a dour Home Counties detective still obsessed, 12 months after the event, by the unsolved murder of a four-year-old girl found strangled in the woods. His obsession has affected his private life, causing his wife to take to the bottle and in turn reducing his chances of promotion. Diligent police work, helped by a slice of luck, eventually produces a suspect but for our detective it proves to be a hollow triumph. Unexceptional in itself, *Hunting the Squirrel* has a wider significance as the British contribution to a project in which six European countries are each contributing a crime story intended to reflect local police styles and methods. The other films, from Switzerland, Austria, France, Italy and Germany, will be shown here over the next few weeks. It will be interesting to see how their television policemen compare with ours. We can also speculate on what audiences in those countries will make of *Hunting the Squirrel*. They may conclude that our policemen are rather admirable, tenaciously sticking to the case in the midst of personal and professional discouragement. They may also feel that British cop shows are a mite sedate and conventional, an impression that could have quickly been dispelled by treating them to a couple of episodes of *The Bill*.

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

VHF Stereo and **MW** (medium wave)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.30** and **12.30am**
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat with Lesley Curwen **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** The Marquee – The First 30 Years **8.30** John Peel **10.30** Nicky Campbell **12.30-2.00** Richard Skinner.

Radio 2

VHF Stereo
News on the hour
4.00 Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05** Ronnie Hilton **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn Down Under **7.00** Steve Race presents The Radio Orchestra Show **9.00** Seven Deadly Singsongs (see Choice) **10.00** Jazz Store (news series) **10.30** The Name's the Game **11.00** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight **1.00** Bill Rennells presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.
MW (medium wave) as above except: **7.00pm** Steve Race presents The Radio Orchestra Show **7.30** European Soccer Special **9.00** Seven Deadly Singsongs.

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT.
7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours 7.30 Europe's World 7.45 Network UK 8.00 World News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 Tech Talk 8.30 Megamix 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup 9.45 C P E Bach 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Discovery 10.30 Sports International 11.00 World News 11.09 World About Britain 11.15 Waveguide 11.25 Book Choice 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Newsreel 12.15 Newsreel 12.15 Multitrack 1 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours 1.30 Network UK 1.45 Recording of the Week 2.00 Outlook 2.45 C P E Bach 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 A Jolly Good Show 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Omnibus 4.45 The World Today 5.00 World News 5.09 Commentary 5.15 English by Radio 5.45 Londres Soir 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 Programmes in German 8.00 World News 8.09 The World Today 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Meridian 9.00 News Summary 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 Business Matters 9.30 Megamix 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.09 US Presidential Election 11.30 From Britain's Music Festivals 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 US Presidential Election 1.30 How It All Began 1.45 US Presidential Election 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 US Presidential Election 2.30 Citizens 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 US Presidential Election 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 The World Today 4.45 Morgenmagazin 5.45 648 News Headlines 5.55 Financial News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin

Radio 3

6.55 Weather, followed by News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Lyadov (Baba-Yaga Op 56: Leningrad PO under Mravinsky); Beethoven (Variations in C minor, WoO 80: Bruno Leonardo Gelber, piano); Smetana (Vltava, Ma Vlast: Berlin PO under Ferenc Fricsay)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (contd): C P E Bach (Sonatina in G, Wq 98: Collegium Aureum with Virginia Black, harpsichord); Haydn (Symphony No 83 in G minor: Amsterdam Concertgebouw under Colin Davis); Strauss (Horn Concerto No 1 in E flat, Op 11: Philharmonia under Sawallisch with Dennis Brain)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Berg, Altenberg Lieder Op 4: LSO under Abbado with Margaret Price (soprano); Sonata Op 1: Daniel Barenboim (piano); Seven Early Songs published posthumously: Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau (baritone) with Aribert Reimann (piano); Three Pieces Op 6: LSO under Abbado
9.35 Espana: Chabrier (Espana: French NO under Jordan); Granados (El fandango de candil; La maja y el ruisenor: Alicia de Larrocha, piano); Saint-Saëns (Havanaise: Lamoureux Concert Orchestra under Manuel Rosenthal with Arthur Grumiaux, violin)
10.05 Pedalboard Harpsichord: David Roblou plays Georg Muffat's Toccata No 2 in G minor; Buxtehude's Ciacona in E minor (BUX WV 160); and Bach's Prelude and Fugue in E flat (BWV 552) (r)
10.40 Schutz: Psalm motets and Magnificat settings performed by Les Saqueboutiers de Toulouse, Ensemble Clement Janequin with Konrad Junghanel (lute), Jonathan Cable (viola da gamba) and Willem Jansen (organ)
11.15 Medtner Piano Music: Hamish Milne plays Three Hymns in Praise of Toil Op 49; Sonata in G minor Op 22; and Three Novelettes Op 17 (r)
12.00 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: George Hurst conducts Berlioz's Symphonie fantastique
1.00 News
1.05 St David's Hall Lunchtime Recital: Piano Trio of Berlin play Schubert's Piano Trio in E flat (D 929)

Gyorgy Pauk solos in tonight's Bartok concert (R3, 9.20pm)

1.55 Symbols of a High Romance: German Romantic music sung by Anne Collins (contralto) with Paul Hamburger (piano) including pieces by Lortzing Liszt, Marschner, Humperdinck and Liszt and Loewe
4.00 Music for Organ: In memory of George Thalben-Ball. Thomas Trotter plays Mendelssohn's Sonata in A Op 65 No 3; and Thalben-Ball's Poema and Toccata Beorma; and Variations on a Theme by Paganini for organ pedals
4.30 Boulanger and Beethoven: Nash Ensemble plays Lili Boulanger's Cortège; D'un soir triste; and D'un matin de printemps; and Beethoven's Piano Trio in D Op 70 No 1 (Ghost) (r)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Don Delillo, author of *White Noise*, talks about *Libra*, his novel about the assassination of John F Kennedy
7.30 Drama Now: The Cemetary of Europe by Seamus Finnegan. With Philip Bird, Robert Rietty and Ruth Posner
8.45 Sibelius: The Tempest, Suite No 2, Night ride and Sunrise Op 55: BBC Welsh SO under Ronald Zollmann
9.20 Bartok Quartets: Recorded earlier at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London. Quartet No 2: Takacs String Quartet; Sonata No 2 for violin and piano: Gyorgy Pauk (violin) and Jeno Jando (piano); Quartet No 5: Takacs String Quartet. Includes **10.10** Interval reading
11.00 Composers of the Week: Beethoven. Sonata in F minor Op 2 No 1; and Symphony No 2 in D (r)
12.00 News. Ends at **12.05am.**

Ronald Reagan in Bedtime for Bonzo (C4, 12.35am)

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: **6.30pm-7.00** Wales Today **9.30** Week In Week Out **10.00** South of the Border **10.50** Rugby Union (Pontypridd v Western Samoa) **11.15** Film: Hard Contract **12.55am-1.00** News and weather SCOTLAND: **10.50am-11.00** Dotaman **6.30** Reporting Scotland **6.58-7.00** Party Political Broadcast (SNP). Weather NORTHERN IRELAND: **5.35pm** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.30** Neighbours **6.55-7.00** Inside Ulster Update ENGLAND: **6.30pm-7.00** Regional news magazines
ANGLIA As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Carry On Admiral (David Tomlinson, Peggy Cummins) **6.00-6.30** About Anglia.
BORDER As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Mary **1.20** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Silent Dusk (Stephen Murray) **6.00-6.30** Lookaround.
CENTRAL As London except: **12.35pm-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Forbidden Street' (Dana Andrews, Maureen O'Hara) **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-6.30** News **7.30-8.00** Venture.
CHANNEL As London except: **12.30-1.00pm** The Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Rogue's Yarn **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-6.30** Channel Report followed by The Raid on Sark
GRAMPIAN As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** Grampian news **1.30** A Country Practice **2.30-3.00** Jack Thompson Down Under **6.00** North Tonight **6.25** Party Political Broadcast **6.30-7.00** Take The High Road.
GRANADA As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** Granada Reports **1.30-3.00** Film: The Love Lottery **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-6.30** Granada Reports.
HTV WEST As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30** Festival **2.00** A Country Practice **2.55** Home Cookery Club **3.00-3.30** Hazard a Guess **6.00-6.30** News.
HTV WALES As HTV West except: **3.00-3.25** Bless This House **6.00-6.30** Wales at Six: With Alan Rustad and Liz Lloyd-Griffiths.
SCOTTISH As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** Scotland Today **1.30** A Country Practice **2.30-3.00** Short Story Theatre **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Scotland Today **6.25** Party Political Broadcast **6.30** Strike It Lucky **7.00** Take The High Road **7.30-8.00** Chain Letters.
TSW As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30** Jack Thompson Down Under **2.00** Falcon Crest **2.55-3.00** The Vet **3.27-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-6.30** Today.
TVS As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Sullivans **1.20** News **1.30-3.00** Film: Rogue's Yarn (Nicole Maurey) **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.20-6.30** Police 5.
TYNE TEES As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Santa Barbara **1.20** News **1.25** Lookaround **1.30** Nexus **2.00-3.00** A Country Practice **6.00-6.30** Northern Life.
ULSTER As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** Sons and Daughters **1.20** Newstime **1.30-3.00** Film: John & Julie' **6.00** Six Tonight **6.20-6.30** Festival Spot.
YORKSHIRE As London except: **12.30pm-1.00** The Young Doctors **1.20** News **1.25** Help Yourself **1.30** LS3 **2.00-3.00** Highway to Heaven **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-6.30** Calendar.
S4C Starts: **9.30am** Schools **12.00** Interval **12.10pm** Pobol Y Cwym **12.30** Newyddion **12.35** Flatabalam **1.00** Open College **1.30** Be Your own Boss **2.00** The Democracy Game **2.30** Scarecrow and Mrs King **3.30** Man and Music **4.30** Fifteen To One **5.00** American Football **6.00** Newyddion **6.15** Haloc **6.40** Pobol Y Cwm **7.00** Ffetrynnau **7.30** Awyr Iach **8.00** Ffatri Gerdd **8.30** newyddion **8.55** Ac Eto Nid Myfi **11.05** Rygbi: Pontypridd v Gorllewin Samoa o Bwllgwaun **11.35** American Football **12.35am** Film: Bedtime for Bonzo (Ronald Reagan) **2.10** Film: Desperate Journey (Errol Flynn, Ronald Reagan) **4.10** Film: Dark Victory (Ronald Reagan, Bette Davis) 5.25 Close
RTE 1 Starts: **2.35pm** Art in Italy **3.00** 'Live' at Three **4.00** Emmerdale Farm **4.30** The Defenders **5.30** Angelus **6.01** Six-One **7.00** Rapid Roulette **7.30** The Pure Drop **8.00** Check Up **9.00** News **9.30** Today Tonight **10.10** Irish Reel **11.05** Slap Maxwell **11.35** Who Am I This Time **12.30am** News **12.40** USA Presidential Results **12.45** Closedown.
NETWORK 2 Starts: **2.30pm** Bosco **3.00** SuperTed **3.15** Paws Paw **3.40** Fraggle Rock **4.10** How Do You Do **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.40** Wait Till Your Father Gets Home **5.25** Eureka **6.00** Jo-Maxi **6.30** Home and Away **7.00** Naucht **7.30** Glenroe **8.00** Bernice Bobs Her Hair **9.00** Cheers **9.30** Bronx Zoo **10.30** Network News **10.50** Nighthawks **11.30** Closedown.

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on **VHF**
5.55 Shipping Forecast. **6.00** News Briefing; Weather, **6.10** Farming Today, Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament, **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: The subject under discussion is providing for pensioners. To participate telephone 01-580 4411
10.00 News, Medicine Now: Geoff Watts checks the pulse of health care and reports on medical research findings
10.30 Morning Story: What Shall I Do with the Child? by Pat Burchard. Read by June Barrie
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Travel; Citizens
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent
11.50 Being Human: John Gribbin reports on war games (r)
12.00 News; You and Yours: Consumer news and advice with John Howard
12.25 Film Star: Cinema's brightest stars come under the spotlight of Alexander Walker in this eight-part series (2) Julie Andrews **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World At One: With Brian Widlake. Includes James Naughtie in New York reporting on polling day
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Includes Penelope Leach and Jan Etherington talking about some of the things the perfect mother would never admit to doing, such as ending an argument with "because I said so"; an item on ballet injuries which can result in permanent damage, if ignored; a report on solitude which discovers that it can be a positively life-enhancing thing; and an interview with Barbara Bertram, an 85-year-old who ran a safe house for the French Resistance fighters during the war
3.00 News; Different Drum: Play by John Loader, with Russell Dixon (s)
3.32 Comparing Notes: Richard Baker's guests are Ann Murray and Philip Langridge, who combine international careers with family life (s)
4.00 News
4.05 The Local Network: Reporters Neil Walker and David Clayton look at some unusual homes
4.30 Kaleidoscope (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast. **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Second Thoughts: A comedy in eight episodes by Jan Etherington and Gavin Petrie with James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham (2) (s)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File On 4: Helen Boaden reports on Bradford's town hall revolution
8.00 An Utterly Different Experience: Leonard Pearcey examines the art of drama on radio with the help of playwrights, listeners and critics (s) (r)
8.45 The 1988 Reith Lectures (new series): The Rediscovery of Politics. Six talks on authority, culture and community in the USSR given by Geoffrey Hosking, Professor of Russian History (see Choice)
9.15 In Touch: Magazine for people with a visual handicap. Presented by Peter White
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Includes news of the Whitbread Prize short list; and a feature on all the events relating to the Armistice Festival, which commemorates the artists who lost their lives in the First World War
10.15 A Book At Bedtime: Five stories by L P Hartley (2) The Waits **10.29** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: American election edition presented by Alexander Macleo in Washington and Michael Vestey in London
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News; The Presidential Election: Brian Redhead reports live from New York as the results of the Bush/Dukakis battle come in. Ends **4.30am approx.**
VHF as above except:
11.00am-12.00 For Schools: Time and Tune, **11.20** Time to Move, **11.40** Pictures in Your Mind, **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools: **1.35** Listening Corner, **2.05** History Lost and Found, **2.55** Mainstream GCSE, **5.50-5.55** PM (continued)

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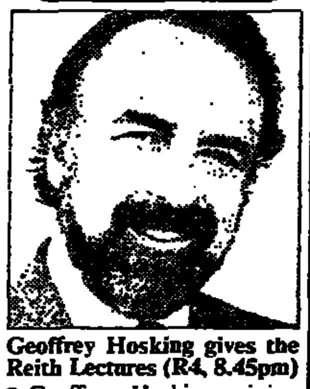

Geoffrey Hosking gives the Reith Lectures (R4, 8.45pm)

● Geoffrey Hosking, giving the first of the **1988 Reith Lectures** (Radio 4, 8.45pm) which flash back from Gorbachov's recent attempts at radical reform and peer into the near future in an attempt to assess what success they might have, concludes that although the Russians do not have a heritage of democracy, they are not condemned to eternal civic passivity. For signs of hope, he cites the fact that the Russians do have a tradition of political participation and mutual solidarity under pressure. Professor Hosking, unlike some other commentators on the Soviet political scene, makes no apologies for resurrecting the word totalitarianism. Not for him the easy euphemisms like pluralism which ignore take no account of the fact that Russia remains a nation traumatized by its own past.

● Fixing on lust for the first in his **Seven Deadly Singsongs** (Radio 2, 9.00pm), Russell Davies has taken out a cast-iron insurance policy against listener apathy. In the event, however, there is not much here for the prurient, though double meanings abound in the song lyrics and the song titles. "I Want Some of Your Pie" looks forward both to gluttony, and to covetousness in the near future.

Peter Davalle

PRIME MINISTER CAUGHT IN TREASURY FRAUD SCANDAL

BY PENNY PINCHIN OUR FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENT

The Prime Minister was branded a thief yesterday after pocketing a pay increase of £2 million.

"These Treasury pay outs are nothing short of criminal," stormed Beatrice Rideout MP (Grand National Front).

She then hit out at Prime Minister Philip Weston's refusal to pay *any* taxes, upsetting her wine glass in the process. "If he was a jockey he'd get 3 years for this," she shouted above the growing din. While the opposition launched into their tuneless chorus of "fingers in the till Phil! Out! Out! Out!".

Even David Pringle, the PM's staunchest ally, tried to clarify the principles of collective responsibility and restraint. "You absolute burk, Phil" thundered Pringle PM of the Brixton Harmony and Happiness Party, "no-one wins if the Treasury goes bankrupt."

Their anger left Weston visibly rattled but he courageously retorted "they can say what they want — I've still got the Parliamentary majority."

The skirmishing escalated when Weston went ahead with his purchase of British Telecom adding it to his already considerable business empire. Informed sources insisted that an election was not far off. Voices and tempers rose leaving Weston to lament in the uproar, "Infamy, infamy! They've all got it in for me!"

Certainly, the players find their business and political talents pushed to the limits. After all, the game Poleconomy is definitely not for the meek.

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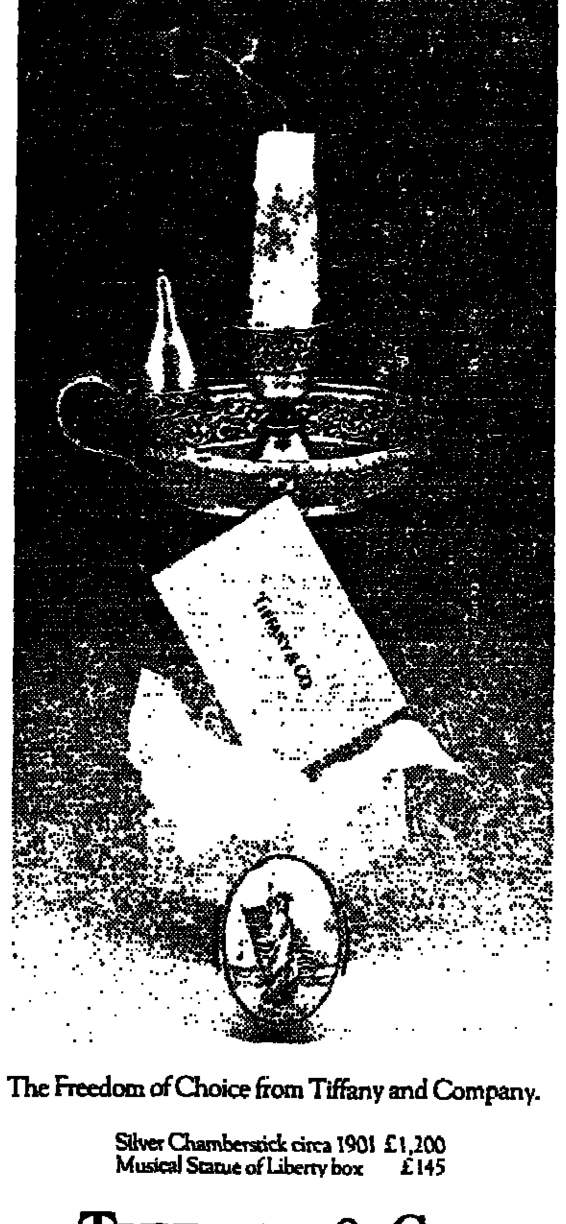

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GCHQ protest gets big support

By Tim Jones and Roland Rudd

More than 70,000 Civil Servants throughout Britain began a 24-hour strike yesterday as Mr Neil Kinnock pledged that the next Labour government would restore trade union rights at GCHQ, the Government's secret communications headquarters at Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Trade union leaders said the protest was a huge victory, although the Treasury said that it fell far short of the 220,000 membership of the two main unions taking part. Social security and Department of Employment offices were hardest hit and "honesty boxes" were placed at airports to compensate for a shortage of Customs and Excise officers.

Mr Kinnock told a cheering rally of more than 2,500 in London: "We don't just want freedom in Gdansk. We want it in GCHQ. We don't just want 'dialogue' and 'freedom to choose' in Poland, we want it in Cheltenham."

He claimed the real reason for dismissing trade unionists from GCHQ had nothing to do with national security

Photograph 2

considerations. "When the GCHQ unions and members offered the no-strike, no-disruption agreement back in 1984, any remnants of credibility for the Government claim were wiped away".

Mr Kinnock said: "(The Prime Minister's) refusals weren't to do with security or continuity. They were the result of a wider purpose – the strategy of maintaining the message which is essential to their purpose and their propaganda – the message that British trade unionists are the 'enemy within'."

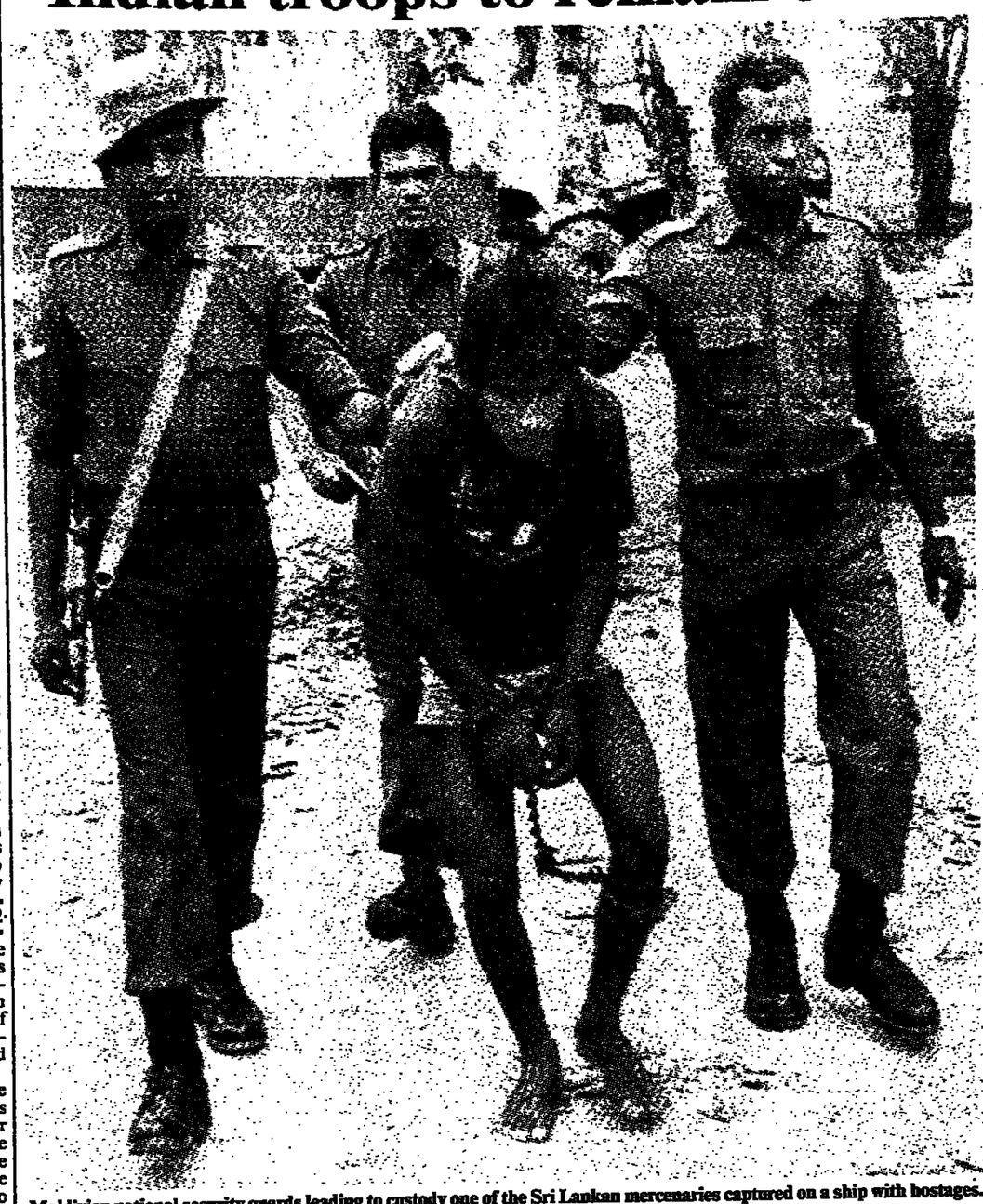
Mr Norman Willis, general secretay of the TUC, said banning unions was a "mean and bullying act". "This Government has a big head, big mouth and a big majority and is using it to put in their big boot. But the battle for freedom is never lost and we have a duty not to let the issue die".

The Department of Social Security admitted that more than 80 per cent of its offices were closed, while almost 400 benefit offices were hit by the action.

Non-Civil Service unions yesterday took unofficial action in support of the GCHQ trade unionists. The National Union of Mineworkers closed Frickley Colliery in South Yorkshire, the Transport and General Workers Union caused chaos to the Tilbury Docks, south London and the National Union of Teachers closed Grange Park School in south London.

The Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union said its members had refused to service Government installations.

Indian troops to remain on Maldives



Maldivian national security guards leading to custody one of the Sri Lankan mercenaries captured on a ship with hostages.

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uncovered a coup plot and Mr Luthfee was among 16 "business men" sentenced to between 12 and 16 years on the island of Villingli – now a tourist resort. He was released under a general amnesty in 1973, but was again jailed in 1975 for eight months after another suspected plot.

Five years ago he was indicted in Singapore on bank fraud charges but jumped bail and returned to the Maldives on a fake passport. After setting up a business exporting tropical fish in Male, he based himself in Colombo, where he owned a poultry farm and a fish factory.

The source said he had always known Mr Luthfee as generous but ambitious.

Meanwhile, Maldivian officials disclosed yesterday that an unspecified number of Indian troops would stay on the islands to help train the 2,000-strong Maldive National Security Service.

Major Mohammad Zahir of the NSS, who has been co-ordinating joint operations with the Indians, said the troops would stay for a matter of weeks. "It's natural there will be some people who will be left here to discuss our security and help organize it."

The decision follows requests by President Gayoom for Indian troops to remain at least until so-called mopping up operations, involving house-to-house searches for further mercenaries, are completed.

The NSS has arrested 140 people – many of them Sri Lankans living in the Maldives – and between 80 and 90 are still believed to be in custody.

Indian government sources now say that in addition to the four hostages found dead on the freighter, three are missing. The 15 wounded were flown to the Indian city of Trivandrum for treatment.

About 500 Indian paratroopers flew back to the mainland yesterday afternoon, leaving an estimated 500 still on the islands.

Political sketch

Lighted crackers and erratic squibs

Heading off to a weekend bonfire-night party one was conscious that, along with the traditional thunderflashes, comes the traditional Department of Trade and Industry warning about the danger of fireworks. These warnings are vital. Many people do not so much as venture from under their sheets before studying the morning's DTI circulars to find out how they may pass their day in safety.

But, watching Eric Forth, the new Under-Secretary of State at the DTI, grinning like a rattlesnake on the front bench last week, we wondered if such circulars could survive. His appointment as "Consumer Protection" Minister is clearly some kind of a joke. We awaited a DTI circular recommending people to put lighted crackers up their noses.

So it was sad to see, in an weighty notice circulating, in his name over the weekend, Mr Forth's humiliation. "These rockets", whined the statement, "Are liable to fly erratically and are therefore potentially dangerous. On no account should they be let off." The same was once said of Mr Forth but, sadly, we now know that the danger was greatly exaggerated.

Whether Mr Lawson's alleged plot to means-test pensioners' benefits is a dud squib, or simply carries a long fuse, remains uncertain. In weekend reports it seemed he had outlined a new concept, the Undeserving Elderly. If so, is it enough to remove their benefits? Why not impose penalties too? "Twinning" is very much the vogue: so why not seek out greying plutocrats who lack grandchildren, and compulsorily "twin" them with families who lack grandparents, obliging the wrinkly Croesuses to *provide* Christmas bonuses rather than receive such insulting superfluities? This would fit in with Mrs Thatcher's view that charity should be de-institutionalized, personal.

At the gates to a leafy driveway in Hampshire, the sign might read '*"The Beeches" – Twinned with no 426, Mandela Block, Herbert Morrison Estate, Peckham*'.

But Labour's Treasury Spokesman, Gordon Brown, must not assume that they are Mr Lawson's. It will take time for him to catch up. Mr Brown jumped the gun in discerning a plot to means-test Christmas bonuses for pensioners. It was a non-issue.

Yet Neil Kinnock's high-risk poach of the issue from Mr Brown paid off in the heightened significance this lent the occasion. There was a sense of drama yesterday as the Chancellor rose to explain that he had been misrepresented. He did want means-tested benefits for pensioners, but these were to be *new* benefits. Existing benefits remained unchanged. Tories squealed with glee. It was a fuss about nothing, got up by the Press: and Mr Kinnock was (complained Mr Lawson) the first Opposition Leader in 34 years to ask a Private Notice Question of a mere Departmental Minister.

Mr Kinnock's reply suffered from a lack of discipline, and by the time he sat down, focus had gone. But Labour were in the mood for a scrap and Mr Lawson handed it to them by blustering noisily, for too long, and with a curious defensiveness which rekindled suspicions. Dame Jill Knight tried to help, but methinks she did help too much (like many who followed) by praising the means-testing ambitions which he had just been at pains to deny he entertained.

Alan Beith then inserted a knife which Labour's Frank Field twisted with a sort of sadistic courtesy. Was targeting benefits on the poor not what created the "poverty-trap" (where it pays to stay poor)? And why was the Chancellor denying the logic of his own view that benefits should be targeted? And if it was true for eye-checks, and Family Credit, why *should* pensions escape his zeal for targeting?

In the teeth of every assertion that politics is a "pragmatic" game, your sketchwriter asserts that if there is an important logical problem about a government's philosophy, it will return, knife in hand, again and again, to haunt those who try to conceal it. So it was yesterday. Mr Lawson should have won. Yet he didn't, quite. He hadn't, he protested, said what they said he said. Inwardly the House murmured "You will, Nigel, you will."

Matthew Parris

Delayed travellers may wait at home

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Airline passengers who may be stranded at Britain's overcrowded airports next summer should at least be notified in advance and may even be able to wait at home rather than in congested lounges until their aircraft can take off, it was decided yesterday.

Airports throughout Britain are to set up special liaison committees to work with air traffic controllers so that advance warnings can be given of potential congestion involving delays of four hours or more.

The plan was one of a number of suggestions put forward by an influential meeting of aviation industry representatives under the chairmanship of Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, at Lancaster House in London yesterday. It was clear that improved communications with passengers was by far the easiest solution to flight delays which, it was generally believed, will be little better next summer.

The Civil Aviation Authority, which controls the flow of aircraft, said that it would make an additional 70 posts available by changing the working practices of air traffic controllers.

But the air traffic controllers themselves were not represented at the meeting; nor were the pilots. Both groups felt that they had been snubbed even though they have to operate the system each day.

The airlines suggested several longer-term solutions to congestion, including changing the entire structure of the air traffic control system and building more runways or airports in the South-east.

Prince in a key role

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off by an equally bright red pillbox hat. The media's fashion spotters instantly identified the classic lines of Chanel, a calculated gesture, surely, to the fierce pride the French take in their top designers.

The Prince's crowded agenda includes meetings with no less than eight French government ministers (some involved in such nuts-and-bolts sectors as agriculture and the construction industry). He is expected to make six formal speeches, all of which we are led to believe he will have written himself.

A speech on Europe after 1992 is on the schedule for next Thursday and the Prince will also have more than one opportunity to air his views about architecture and the environment. Delivering most of them in impeccable French will certainly boost his stock in a nation that regards its language as a gift to the world.

Routine briefing that led to furore

Continued from page 1

air his views about the recent Autumn Statement and is conducted on the same basis as all lobby briefings – that is, everything that is said is non-attributable to the political figure involved unless journalists are told otherwise.

According to one political editor who attended the meeting there was a feeling among them that Mr Lawson's comments would be off-the-record and so only a few bothered to take notes.

"When John Gieve said that it was on the record we could hardly believe it. We left the meeting and got the notes that were taken together and we all went back to our offices.

"There was no doubt in our minds that Lawson was leading us to think that old age pensioners were going to be targeted in the same way that child benefit might one day be", the journalist said. He asked not to be named.

It was only after the reporters had told their news desks of the strength of the story that an apologetic John Gieve began to telephone them admitting that he had "been a bit of a wally", according to one source, and that the briefing was off-the-record.

Once this was understood, the journalists, sensing a very good story with strong political implications, attributed the quotes from Mr Lawson to a variety of unnamed sources including a "senior cabinet minister".

The Times contacted several of the journalists present at the meeting and all were adamant that while the Chancellor did not specifically mention the removal of the £10 Christmas bonus, the loss of free prescriptions for pensioners and the introduction of means testing for old people, the meaning was clear.

Rig widow takes £1m

By Kerry Gill

An Orkney woman, widowed by the Piper Alpha disaster, decided yesterday to accept a compensation deal from the platform operators, Occidental, worth almost £1 million.

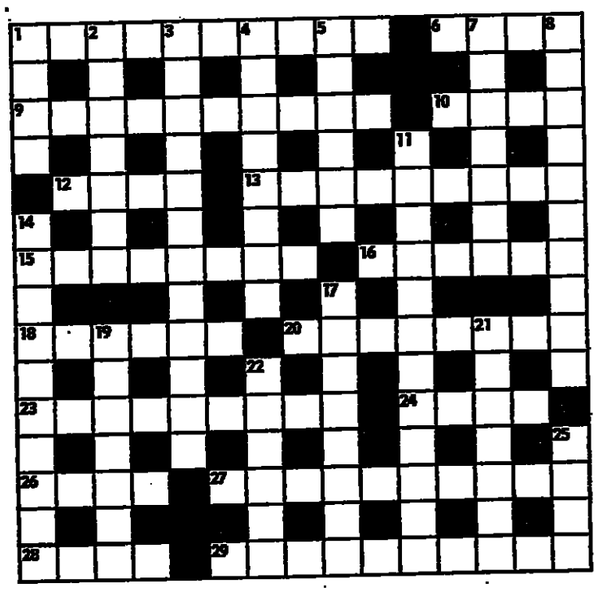
Mrs Carol Miller, aged 26, from Kirkwall in Orkney, instructed her lawyer to accept the offer of between £800,000 and £1 million after several days of consideration.

Mrs Miller, who has three children, Darren, aged seven, Alan, aged five, and Gemma, aged three, lost her husband, Alan, an industrial chemist, when the Piper Alpha rig exploded on July 6 killing 167 men. On Saturday, Mrs Miller and her children will move from Orkney to Dorset where she has bought a cottage.

She said last night that being the only widow in Kirkwall from the disaster had caused her some strain and she felt it was best to start a new life.

Compensation formula, page 6

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,821



ACROSS

1 Souvenir found outside inn by an adherent of McKinley? (10).
6 Grecian eminence used to being put upon (4).
9 Top specialist becomes state agent – so much for the French! (10).
10 Difficult problem for a wader (4).
12 Some inhabitants of Corinth used it in this way (4).
13 Its charge exploded – it was fired in Berlin (9).
15 Make tentative proposal to a very quiet swimmer (8).
16 Acting with alacrity to assist the speaker (6).
18 Collide with second vehicle (6).
20 Indiscriminate slaughter in US and Brazilian states (8).
23 Stone or ring mislaid in river (9).
24 Resistance units serving the monarch? (4).
26 A soccer team's league (4).
27 Advantage handy at first in instinctive music-maker (6-4).
28 Endless darkness is near (4).
29 Game to follow infantry in river crossing, perhaps (4-6).

DOWN

1 Boulder seen to sway from side to side (4).
2 Price of drink raised? It causes a fight (5-2).
3 Literary woman in indecent close-fitting garment (12).
4 Certain characters, sort of square, have a reciprocal effect (8).
5 A free broadcasting organization, it's commonly said (6).
7 Amount of money enclosed can't possibly build a holy place (7).
8 In which we're in the nude, entirely (10).
11 He is quick to fire a sucker taken in by a swindler (12).
14 String of flowers for girl cyclist on links (5-5).
17 Animal some order in the market (8).
19 A possible barrier to vituperation (7).
21 Eccentric deal, perhaps, for a source of dye (7).
22 Lemur eating a farinaceous tuber (6).
25 Formerly the last word in fairy-tales? Quite the opposite (4).

Concise Crossword, page 22

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

ROUNCEVAL
a. A loud trumpet
b. A thrust at fencing
c. A fat woman

FATISCENT
a. Growing tired
b. The smell of fatty sweat
c. Gaping with cracks

SCAVENGER'S DAUGHTER
a. A slut or hoyden
b. An instrument of torture
c. A non-speaking part for an actress

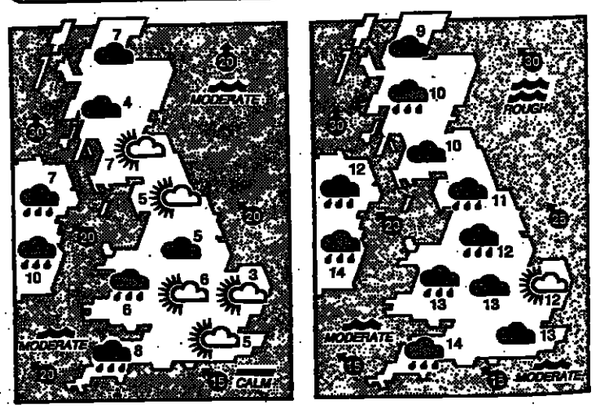
CHERNOZEM
a. A village leader
b. Fertile soil
c. Russian black pudding

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,820

WEATHER

Scotland, Wales and most of England will begin dry with brief sunny spells. Rain over south-west England and Northern Ireland will spread slowly eastwards, reaching North Sea coasts by evening. Mild temperatures will be offset by freshening south-east winds across the whole country. Outlook: Mostly dry although raining in the west later.



ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	17	63	s	Majorca	20	68	r
Akrotiri	20	68	s	Malaga	19	66	c
Alex'dria	23	73	f	Malta	17	63	c
Algiers	23	73	f	Melb'rne	23	73	s
Amst'dm	6	43	s	Mexico C*	20	68	s
Athens	14	57	s	Miami*	27	81	s
Bahrain	29	84	s	Milan	8	46	s
Barcelna	17	63	c	Montreal*	15	59	c
Bermuda*	28	82	s	Moscow	-1	30	c
Biarritz	21	70	s	Nairobi	22	72	f
Boston*	15	59	s	Naples	14	57	s
B Aires*	31	88	s	N Delhi	29	84	s
Cairo	28	82	s	N York*	17	63	s
Cape Tn	23	73	c	Nice	15	59	s
C'blanca	25	77	f	Oslo	5	41	s
Chicago*	1	34	sn	Paris	5	41	f
Ch'church	14	57	s	Peking	15	59	s
C'phagn	8	46	s	Perth	16	61	f
Corfu	16	61	s	Rhodes	15	59	f
Dublin	11	52	f	Rio de J	22	72	c
Dubrovnik	13	55	s	Riyadh	32	90	s
Faro	21	70	f	Rome	14	57	f
Florence	10	50	s	S F'isco*	16	61	s
Frankfurt	5	41	s	S Paulo*	18	64	d
Funchal	21	70	s	Seoul	16	61	s
Geneva	5	41	c	Sr'kholm	0	32	c
Gibraltar	19	66	c	Strasb'rg	5	41	c
Helsinki	-1	30	sn	Sydney	23	73	s
Hong K	24	75	s	Tangier	24	75	f
Innsbrck	6	46	s	Tel aviv	28	82	s
Istanbul	5	41	r	Tenerife	24	75	c
Jeddah	32	90	s	Tokyo	18	64	s
Jo'burg*	23	73	f	Toronto*	6	43	c
Karachi	30	86	s	Tunis	22	72	f
L Palmas	25	77	f	Valencia	18	64	f
Le Tquet	6	43	f	Vanc'ver*	10	50	s
Lisbon	20	68	c	Venice	6	43	s
Locarno	8	46	s	Vienna	7	45	s
L Angels*	17	63	c	Warsaw	2	36	r
Luxembg	4	39	s	Wash'ton*	17	63	f
Luxor	30	86	s	Wel'ngton	11	52	s
Madrid	14	57	c	Zurich	2	36	fg

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.0	-	9	48	bright
Bridlington	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Hunstanton	6.2	-	7	45	bright
Cromer	5.0	-	9	48	sunny
Lowestoft	6.0	-	10	50	sunny
Clacton	-	-	9	48	fog
Southend	3.2	-	9	48	bright
Folkestone	6.1	-	10	50	sunny
Hastings	2.4	-	10	50	sunny
Eastbourne	4.6	-	10	50	bright
Brighton	3.1	-	10	50	sunny
Worthing	3.5	-	11	52	bright
Littlehmptn	2.7	-	12	54	bright
Bognor R	4.4	-	11	52	bright
Southsea	0.6	-	12	54	cloudy
Shanklin	2.4	-	11	52	bright
Bournemth	3.8	-	13	55	sunny
Weymouth	3.0	-	13	55	sunny
Exmouth	4.4	-	13	55	bright
Torquay	4.9	-	13	55	sunny
Falmouth	6.2	-	13	55	sunny
Penzance	7.5	-	14	57	sunny
Newquay	6.4	-	13	55	sunny
Minehead	4.4	-	12	54	bright
Morecambe	4.2	.02	10	50	sunny
Douglas	2.4	.01	11	52	bright
Boston	2.2	-	8	46	bright
Carlisle	4.5	.04	11	52	sunny
Leeds	0.2	.01	9	48	cloudy
Nottingham	0.2	-	10	50	cloudy
Anglesey	5.8	.02	13	55	sunny
Colwyn Bay	6.8	-	14	57	sunny
Tenby	3.0	-	12	54	cloudy
Aberdeen	4.2	-	10	50	bright
Aviemore	6.1	-	11	52	bright
Eskdalemuir	-	.06	8	46	fog
Kinloss	6.3	-	12	54	sunny
Lerwick	0.5	.08	9	48	cloudy
Prestwick	2.9	.05	12	54	bright
Stornoway	0.9	-	11	52	bright
Tiree	1.5	-	11	52	cloudy
Wick	6.4	-	10	50	sunny

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.46	6.7	1.00	6.7
Aberdeen	12.05	4.0	12.25	4.0
Avonmouth	6.12	12.1	6.25	12.4
Belfast	10.10	3.1	10.17	3.3
Cardiff	5.57	11.3	6.10	11.5
Devonport	4.46	5.2	5.01	5.3
Dover	10.04	6.4	10.24	6.3
Falmouth	4.16	5.0	4.31	5.1
Glasgow	—	—	12.06	4.3
Harwich	10.48	3.8	11.12	3.9
Holyhead	9.21	5.2	9.32	5.3
Hull	5.15	7.0	5.37	7.0
Ilfracombe	4.57	8.6	5.09	8.7
Leith	1.24	5.1	1.47	5.2
Liverpool	10.16	8.8	10.30	8.9
Lowestoft	8.15	2.4	9.01	2.3
Margate	10.59	4.6	11.26	4.6
Milford Haven	5.13	6.5	5.27	6.6
Newquay	4.05	6.5	4.19	6.6
Oban	4.52	3.9	4.50	3.9
Penzance	3.46	5.3	4.00	5.4
Portland	6.00	2.1	6.03	2.1
Portsmouth	10.29	4.6	10.45	4.5
Shoreham	10.10	5.9	10.27	5.8
Southampton	10.03	4.4	10.18	4.3
Swansea	5.19	8.9	5.32	9.0
Tees	2.28	5.1	2.53	5.2
W'ton-on-Nze	10.44	4.1	11.08	4.1

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are GMT

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.21	2.09
Austria Sch	23.10	21.70
Belgium Fr	69.40	65.90
Canada $	2.275	2.155
Denmark Kr	12.62	12.02
Finland Mkk	7.79	7.39
France Fr	11.20	10.60
Germany Dm	3.28	3.10
Greece Dr	277	257
Hong Kong $	14.30	13.55
Ireland Pt	1.23	1.17
Italy Lira	2450	2320
Japan Yen	236	220
Netherlands Gld	3.71	3.51
Norway Kr	12.21	11.51
Portugal Esc	271.75	257.75
South Africa Rd	4.70	4.38
Spain Pta	215.75	204.75
Sweden Kr	11.41	10.81
Switzerland Fr	2.765	2.595
USA $	1.856	1.76
Yugoslavia Dnr	9900	7500

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 108.4 (September)

London: The *FT* Index closed down 11.3 at 1474.3.

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 3C (37F). Humidity: 6 pm, 76 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 3.3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1019.5 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.51 pm to 6.39 am
Bristol 5.01 pm to 6.48 am
Edinburgh 4.48 pm to 7.07 am
Manchester 4.53 pm to 6.54 am
Penzance 5.17 pm to 6.56 am

Sun rises: 7.07 am | Sun sets: 4.21 pm
Moon rises: 5.59 am | Moon sets: 3.23 pm
New Moon Tomorrow

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Penzance, Cornwall, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Marham, Norfolk, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, Shetland, 0.21in; highest sunshine: Newquay, Cornwall, 7.4hr.

MANCHESTER

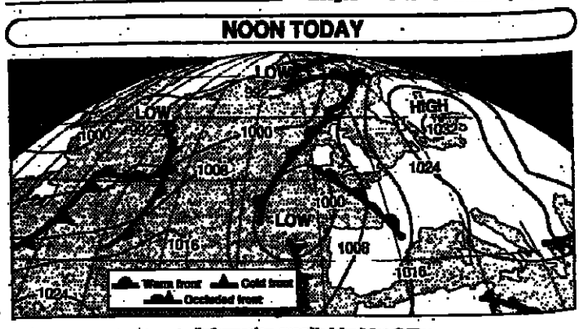
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.9hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	11	52	s	Guernsey	10	50	s
B'mghm	6	43	fg	Inverness	7	45	s
Blackpool	9	48	s	Jersey	9	48	s
Bristol	11	52	s	London	10	50	f
Cardiff	12	54	s	M'chester	9	48	s
Edinburgh	11	52	c	Newcastle	9	48	s
Glasgow	9	48	c	R'caldway	11	52	f

NOON TODAY



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MARKETS	THE POUND
FT 30 Share 1474.3 (–11.3)	US dollar 1.7750 (+0.0095)
FT-SE 100 1819.7 (–14.6)	W German mark 3.1648 (–0.0043)
USM (Datastream) 161.53 (–0.82)	Trade-weighted 76.7 (same)

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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

Mysis in agreed bid for Zygal

Mysis, the USM-quoted computer software group which deals with IBM, has made a £17.3 million agreed bid for Zygal Dynamics, a software group with links with Digital Equipment, the world's second biggest manufacturer.

The offer is on the basis of one new Misys share for every 3.07 ordinary shares, valuing them at 114p each — a near-40 per cent increase on last Friday's closing price.

Mr Richard Coulson, Zygal's chairman, will join the Misys board. Zygal's pre-tax profits last year were £1.6 million.

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IMC's task

Lord Young told the Institute of Management Consultants yesterday that, despite the success of the Government's enterprise scheme, small businesses were still reluctant to use business consultants. He added that it was the task of consultants themselves to overcome the prejudices of businessmen against using their services.

BAe loan

British Aerospace will receive a £150 million, 18-year loan from the European Investment Bank to help finance the company's share of costs for the Airbus A320 aircraft project.

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	2124.82 (–20.98)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	27866.36 (–180.39)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2567.02 (–17.49)
Amsterdam: Gen	279.2 (–4.0)
Sydney: AO	1557.4 (–13.0)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1590.3 (–20.2)
Brussels:	
General	5364.1 (–5.4)
Paris: CAC	397.1 (same)
Zurich: SKA Gen	497.0 (–2.6)
London:	
FT–A All-Share	951.58 (–8.46)
FT–"500"	1037.19 (–8.52)
FT. Gold Mines	174.0 (–0.5)
FT. Fixed interest	97.43 (–0.14)
FT. Govt Secs	88.59 (–0.23)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Stanley Leisure	292p (+15p)
Pochins	845p (+10p)
Candover	447½p (+10p)
BWI	202½p (+9p)
Lonrho	422p (+9p)
Mersey Docks	412½p (+8p)
FALLS:	
RHM	375½p (–16½p)
Amstrad	187½p (–8½p)
Henderson Admin	670p (–35p)
Int Thomson	690p (–10p)
Merivale Moore	482½p (–10p)
Reckitt & Colman	930p (–8p)
Parrish	165p (–10p)
S & W Berisford	406½p (–9p)
Helical Bar	291½p (–8p)
McInerney	172½p (–10p)
Shell	965½p (–10p)
Copson	208½p (–8p)
Greenall Whitley	265p (–8p)
N Brown	180p (–22p)
Closing prices	
Bargains	23143
SEAQ Volume	334.5m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 12%
3-month Interbank 12 3/16-12 1/16%
3-month eligible bills: 11 11/16-11 9/16% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 10%
Federal Funds 8 5/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.47-7.45%*
30-year bonds 101 13/16-101 27/32*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7750	£: $1.7752*
£: DM3.1648	$: DM1.7837*
£: SwFr2.6492	$: SwFr1.4932*
£: FFr10.8009	$: FFr6.0855*
£: Yen221.16	$: Yen124.67*
£: Index:76.7	$: Index:95.5
ECU £0.654298	SDR £0.755269

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $422.00 pm-$420.60
close $420.75-421.25 (£237.00-237.50)
New York:
Comex $421.40-421.90*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec) pm $12.85bbl ($12.97)
* Denotes latest trading price

THE TIMES STOCK WATCH
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● Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Banks were weak with National Westminster (01216) down 5p on news of a proposed interest-bearing current account; also in the financial sector Henderson Administration (01228) fell 35p on fading bid hopes; Bank of Ireland shed 10p ahead of figures and Allied Irish Banks eased 11p in sympathy; Westland (016675) had 6p chopped off on worries over contracts, but NEI rose 1p on bid hopes.
● Calls charged at 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

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Pillsbury set to spin off Burger King

From Bailey Morris, Washington

Pillsbury, the US food company, is to spin off its ailing Burger King fast food chain into a separate quoted company as the main part of its defence against the $5.23 billion (£2.95 billion) takeover offer by Grand Metropolitan.

It also intends to announce other measures "to enhance shareholder value" but details will not be available for three weeks.

The response, delivered only a day before GrandMet's $60-a-share offer was due to expire at midnight tonight, was seen as a desperate attempt by Pillsbury management to prevent the widespread defection of shareholders to the British company's camp.

Wall Street's immediate reaction was negative. Mr John McMillan, of Prudential Bache Securities, said: "Spinning off Burger King does not do anything to enhance shareholder value because that value is already at $60 a share, the amount that GrandMet has put on the table."

Mr Philip Smith, chairman of Pillsbury, urged shareholders to stand firm in a lengthy statement in which he described GrandMet's offer as inadequate and below the per-share value that the restructuring would eventually produce. Pillsbury officials said that the separation of the healthy food brand business from the lacklustre restaurant business would strongly enhance earnings.

But Wall Street analysts said that at first glance the Pillsbury programme to enhance shareholder value did not appear to match the GrandMet offer. Shares of Pillsbury were down sharply soon after the announcement, trading at 59 3/8, down 1.

The restructuring plan was announced as lawyers for both companies continued their legal duel in a Delaware court. A ruling is expected this week on the validity of Pillsbury's poison pill as a defence.

Meanwhile in Miami, Mr Jerry Levin, chairman of Burger King, admitted that the fast food chain's earnings were likely to be signficantly depressed because of the heavy debt load that would result from the Pillsbury spinoff.

Under the restructuring, the company would distribute one share of Burger King common stock for each outstanding Pillsbury share, to shareholders of record as of December 2. Company officials said that the spinoff would be tax-free to Pillsbury and to the shareholders who received the new Burger King stock. But if a third party acquired Pillsbury, the favourable tax status could be lost.

Directors said that before the spinoff Burger King would declare special dividends of cash and securities which would be of immediate value to shareholders. Once it becomes a separate unit, Burger King would offer an equity interest to its franchisees, which have been urging Pillsbury to negotiate with GrandMet, and board representation.

Mr Smith said that Pillsbury would then concentrate on its core, brand name food businesses which would be streamlined. Directors voted to retain the industrial foods and S&A restaurant operations.

GrandMet had no immediate comment yesterday but a spokesman said officials had noted in the past that their offer was generous and that their proposal to retain Pillsbury as a single unit remained the best course.

Defence document released

Storm brewing: S&N's chief executive Alick Rankin yesterday (Photograph: Graham Wood)

Changes on way in SE dealing systems

By Lawrence Lever

Strong hints that significant changes could be on the way for Seaq — the Stock Exchange's screen-based system of dealing in shares — were dropped at a Stock Exchange press conference yesterday which marked the formal appointment of Mr Andrew Hugh Smith as chairman of the exchange.

Mr Hugh Smith and other exchange officials indicated that they disapproved of the practice of market-makers having a token presence on Seaq who nevertheless win business by dealing, over the telephone, on the more competitive prices displayed by other market-makers.

The exchange says that it has received "a lot of complaints" from market-makers in alpha stocks who feel that they are making the most competitive prices but nevertheless see turnover going to other firms whose spreads are wider.

At the same time Mr Hugh Smith moved quickly to defend the exchange's recent alteration to the new system of automatic execution of small share bargains which is due to come on stream early next year. This system is called Saef.

On the issue of Saef, Mr Hugh Smith said that it was "an absolute necessity" that there should be a "central" system for automatic execution of small share bargains.

The exchange's system will jeopardize the viability of existing automatic execution systems.

CBI plan to ward off foreign takeover bids

By Colin Narbrough

Mr John Banham, the director general of the Confederation of British Industry, will today present proposals for the earlier and increased disclosure in takeover battles which are aimed at improving British companies' chances of fending off foreign predators.

The proposals to be presented at the CBI conference in Torquay, will not require legislation, but will be made in the spirit of self-regulation.

The goal would be to keep British markets the most open in Europe while making all the relevant facts available to shareholders in a bid battle.

"Markets need good information and time," Mr Banham said.

But he added there was no question of the proposals containing support for Sir Hector Laing's call for a strategic group of industries which the City and the Government would defend against foreign takeover. Mr Banham said he had "zero faith" in Whitehall's ability to spot strategic winners.

Yesterday's debate showed that the majority of CBI members are convinced that London is the port of entry for non-European firms trying to enter the EEC market.

Differences over City attitudes towards manufacturing industry, and whether they encouraged foreign predators, split the conference down the middle.

Delegates reached a tied vote on a resolution introduced by Sir Hector, the chairman of United Biscuits, that expressed concern that the national attitude to investment appeared to neglect "the real providers of wealth" — manufacturing industry.

Sir Hector warned that Britain could increasingly become a "satellite economy" if too many of its main companies were taken over by non-British owners.

● The growth of consumer credit slowed sharply in September with a rise of £321 million to £26.2 billion, against a £500 million rise in August boosted by new car sales.

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S&N chief in attack on 'crude' Elders attempt

By Michael Tate, Deputy City Editor

Elders IXL's £1.6 billion hostile takeover bid for Scottish & Newcastle Breweries is "a crude attempt to buy a highly successful and well-balanced company on the cheap," Mr Alick Rankin, chief executive of S&N, tells shareholders in the group's defence document.

In a fierce attack on the Australian-based Foster's lager group's bid, Mr Rankin referred to suggestions that Elders could recoup up to £1.5 billion from the sale of S&N's public houses and hotels.

"On this basis," he said, "shareholders could receive the paltry sum of 25p a share for all of S&N's brands and breweries, and the rest of its businesses."

Last night Mr Peter Bartels, chief executive of Elders Brewing Group, responded. "It shows what a poor return they have been making on the business," he said.

In the defence document, S&N takes Elders to task once again over its balance sheet. "Elders is already over-geared, and planning to exacerbate the gearing problem still further," said Mr Rankin, who later described the financing behind the bid as "a piece of fancy financial footwork with which we are neither familar nor impressed."

By taking its financial operations off balance sheet, Elders can quote a gearing level of 32 per cent, when a figure nearer 300 per cent would be more reasonable, he said.

"Nonsense," said Mr Bartels. "Our accounting procedures are totally consistent with those operated by other large, responsible companies, like Marks and Spencer BAT Industries, IBM and General Motors."

Mr Rankin appeared to dismiss reports of a rival bid from Guinness. "We have a constant dialogue with Guinness on the trading front," he said, but denied bid talks.

● The document reveals that seven S&N directors, including Mr Rankin, have sold shares in the group within the past year, at prices ranging from 214p to 356p. This compares with the 400p offer price, which is now described as "wholly inadequate" and which "significantly undervalues" the shares.

Edwardes takes over at Charter

By Colin Campbell

A shake-up has taken place in the board of Charter Consolidated, in which Minorco has a 36 per cent stake.

Sir Michael Edwardes, spearheading Minorco's £2.9 billion hostile bid for Consolidated Gold Fields, yesterday joined Charter's board and was appointed non-executive chairman. He replaces the retiring Mr Jocelyn Hambro.

Charter was again being thought of as a takeover target and its shares rose to 460p.

Mr Neil Clarke has stepped down as deputy chairman and chief executive of Charter.

Other changes include the resignation of Mr Harry Oppenheimer and his son, Mr Nicholas Oppenheimer, and that of Mr Gavin Relly, the chairman of South Africa's Anglo American Corporation.

Thomson set for link with Suter

By Martin Waller

Thomson T-Line and Suter are likely to announce their long-delayed link-up this morning, with a 275p-a-share offer from Thomson valuing the conglomerate run by Mr David Abell at £320 million.

Both sets of shares were suspended in early trading yesterday, Suter at 241p and Thomson at 71p.

Thomson is a mini-conglomerate run by the South African-born businessmen Mr Hugo Biermann and Mr Julian Askin. It has interests in electrical distribution as well as being the owner of Vernons Pools. Talks were initially announced two weeks ago but foundered, amid some confusion, apparently over the mix of cash and shares Suter was prepared to accept. Last week Suter announced the talks had resumed after a fresh approach.

The latest terms, all but agreed last night, are thought to offer Suter shareholders 60p in cash and the balance in new Thomson equity and convertible preference shares.

Thomson's first move is likely to be the sale of investments and non-core businesses to raise between £100 and £200 million.

AB Foods silent on Berisford intention

By Alexandra Jackson

Mr Garry Weston, chairman of Associated British Foods, kept the market guessing yesterday, the first occasion on which his company was free under the Takeover Code to launch a new bid for S&W Berisford.

"I am not prepared to comment about our intentions," he said.

AB Foods abandoned its £767 million attempted takeover of Berisford last autumn, in the wake of the Stock Market crash. It has been left with a 24 per cent stake in Berisford.

Questioned about the possible deployment of the group's £1 billion holding of cash and shares, Mr Weston said: "It remains difficult to find suitable companies to buy. And now we are no longer alone in having sizeable cash balances, it makes it even more difficult."

AB Foods' half-time profits rose from £82.7 million to £89.3 million in the six months to October 1. The results were at the bottom end of market hopes, so the shares fell from 325.5p to 319p. Sales rose from £1,068 million to £1,153 million.

The interim dividend is 2.8p (2.5p).

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Hong Kong Telecommunications placement plan

Colony's biggest issue at HK$4.1bn

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

Hong Kong Telecommunications yesterday unveiled its long-awaited share placement plan.

The company is to issue up to 787.5 million shares in the first half of December at a price yet to be arranged.

The issue, worth about HK$4.1 billion (£294.5 million), will be the Crown Colony's biggest. Rumours of its imminent arrival have been depressing share prices recently.

At present Hong Kong Telecommunications is 79 per cent owned by Cable and Wireless, 11 per cent by the Hong Kong government and 10 per cent by Hong Kong shareholders.

Mr Michael Gale, the company's chief executive, said that the firm would place between 712.5 million and 787.5 million shares, representing between 6.4 per cent and 7.1 per cent of the share capital, and that the government and Cable and Wireless will also provide amounts.

The exact size of the offer and the share price will be fixed next month, though it has already been decided that two-thirds will be placed locally, with the rest going overseas. Existing shareholders will be allocated shares on a preferential basis at the rate of one new share for every 10 held. To make the shares more attractive, Mr Gale promised that the total dividend for the year would be 21.5 cents a share, representing 70 per cent of forecast earnings.

The company plans to offer 187.5 million shares to American investors and is applying to have the shares listed in the form of American depository receipts on the New York Stock Exchange, which should also increase the marketability of the shares.

"We have created an international tranche in our offering which will be directed primarily at investors in Europe and Japan," said Mr Gale.

The shares were first listed in Hong Kong on January 22, after the merger of two local subsidiaries of Cable and Wireless.

With a market capitalization of HK$59 billion the company is almost twice the size of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. It combines the business of Hong Kong Telephone, which has the franchise to provide the Colony's telephone service until 1995, and Cable and Wireless (Hong Kong) which provides its international services until 2006. The move to widen the ownership of the two firms was very much a political one.

The Colony is due to be handed back to Communist China in 1997 and China would clearly not want Hong Kong's communications facilities so tightly controlled by a British company and a British-run government.

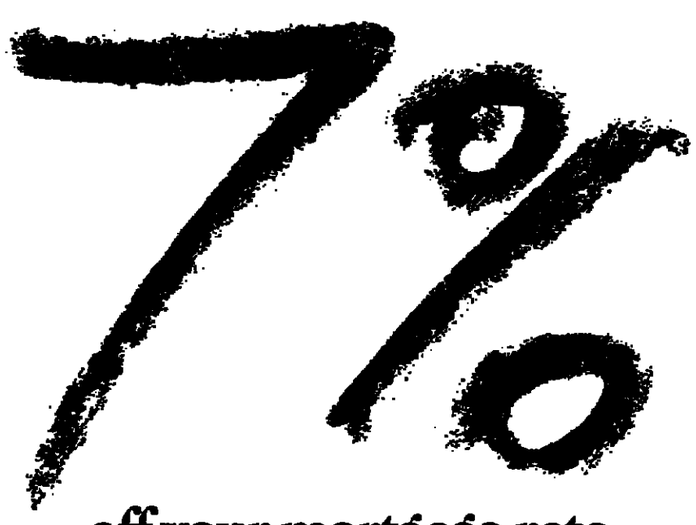
Under the local listing regulations at least 25 per cent of a listed firm's share capital must be in the hands of the public but the stock exchange has agreed to count the government stake, which will be reduced to 7 per cent after the issue, as being publicly held.

Both the government and Cable and Wireless have agreed not to sell any more shares until at least March 1990, which should also help the share price.

Last week Hong Kong Telecommunications revealed interim after-tax profits 20 per cent higher at HK$1.723 billion on turnover of HK$3.8 billion.

Mr Gale said profits for the full year ending March 31 1989, will be not less than HK$3.59 billion, 20 per cent up on last year's figure.

The shares closed 10 cents lower at HK$5.20.



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Stodgy ABF needs a fresh bake

Mr Garry Weston, chairman of Associated British Foods, is a very careful man. He does not want to spend shareholders' money rashly or inopportunely.

Indeed, he has a good idea of how shareholders may feel about potential acquisitions: he and his family own 63 per cent of the company's shares.

But with a cash pile of £600 million and further realizable investments in Gateway and S&W Berisford worth another £400 million, there are myriad possibilities of increasing the return on assets without being reckless.

S&W Berisford, owners of the much-wanted British Sugar, could still be in ABF's sights after last year's bid was abandoned in the aftermath of the October market crash.

A more energetic management style at Berisford has done much to reduce its exposure to riskier activities. The price to be paid may be higher now, but ABF can see what it is buying with greater clarity.

If Berisford has lost its attractions, the prospects of another acquisition are even less likely. The price of other companies has risen strongly in response to the surge in leveraged buyout activity.

So it remains hard for ABF to find something with enough synergy to make paying up worthwhile.

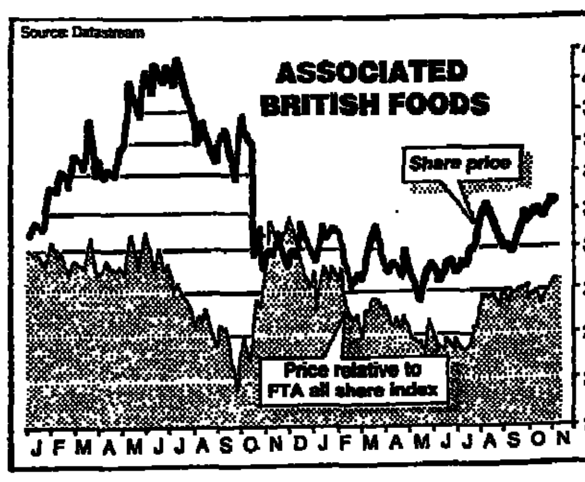
Meanwhile, ABF has to depend on organic growth. But bread is a stodgy business to be in, both in terms of the product's earnings potential and consumers' preferences.

Last year's difficult harvest and growing competition from supermarkets' in-store bakeries have kept milling and baking margins under pressure.

This, and a disappointing summer for frozen foods, took the edge off domestic profits growth. Trading overseas was a stronger performer with profits usefully ahead.

All in all, half-time results, announced yesterday, rose 8 per cent from £82.7 million to £89.3 million, a bit below market expectations.

For the full year, ABF should make £230 million, placing the shares on a p/e of 9.4 times. But until a worthwhile chunk of ABF's money is reinvested, the shares are unlikely to improve their standing in relation to the market.



N Brown Group

N Brown Group is in the unenviable position of being the first in the mail-order sector to unveil the extent of the damage done by the postal strike, which has by far surpassed the City's worst fears.

Interim profits before tax — £166,000 lower at £4.7 million — are of purely historical interest. The strike itself started to bite after the company's half-year end on September 3.

It was the bleak prospects for the second half, with £10 to £12 million off sales, and probably half this off the profits line, which sent the shares scurrying back 19p to 183p.

Admittedly, the first half was not without its problems. A badly-needed reorganization of the company's warehousing system cost it £500,000, taken above the line. Meanwhile, a relatively poor market for clothing, coming after the company pitched its marketing spending in terms of an unachievable 30 per cent turnover growth, probably clipped another £1.5 million off profits.

The financial and property services activities contributed a same-again £900,000 at the operating level.

Although the strike can be seen as a one-off blow, its effects could spread beyond the financial year-end in terms of lessened consumer confidence. Customers worried about the standard of the postal service — and the company itself concedes it is still not back to pre-strike levels — will do their shopping in the high street.

This is evident from Brown's experience last Christmas, when threatened industrial action, which never materialized, still bit sales.

Analysts have cut their expectations for the current year by £5 million to £11 million, putting the company on a *prospective price/-earnings* multiple of 14.6. In comparison with the rest of the retail sector, the share price fall looks overdone, and the shares *have considerable* potential for recovery once current problems are over and pre-tax profits return to the £14 million tentatively suggested by the City for *1989-90*.

Misys/Zygal

The computer software business is burgeoning to prepare British business for the 1990s. But the current shortage of competent professionals to develop the relevant programs means that the timing of the agreed £17.3 million bid by Misys, the aggressive-minded, USM-quoted, computer *systems supplier, for fellow software* group, Zygal Dynamics, looks spot-on.

The synergy is based on Zygal's connections with Digital Equipment, which will be used alongside Misys's IBM background.

As one of the first companies to come to the USM in 1981, Zygal started in printer distribution but, when that market met increased competition, it diversified into the personal computer market. After two years' losses, the acquisition of a motor insurance quotations business for brokers, Base-Sys, helped the group to find its feet.

But it was the £7 million purchase 12 months ago of a leading systems house, Coulson Heron Associates, a supplier of DEC equipment, which changed its face and helped profits to double last year.

After abortive talks with another computer group in the summer, Zygal's match with Misys, which has been forging an aggressive acquisition policy since it came to market two years ago, is likely to come off — 59.4 per cent of directors' and friends' shares are already pledged and another 20 per cent is thought to be disposed towards Misys.

The logic lies in Misys's links with insurance brokers — many of whom are still awaiting the benefits of computerization — its business service sector and its IBM agency which targets vertical markets, particularly food processors and distributors.

With Zygal's share price yesterday just 1p over the offer price of 114p, and despite the absence of profits forecasts from either side, it looks like game, set and match for Misys.

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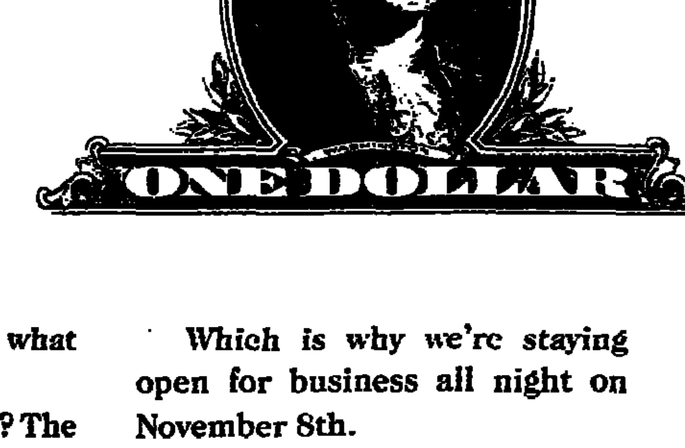

If Bush wins the election, what will happen to the dollar?

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Early £200m flotation planned for Compass

After better than expected progress, Compass Group, the catering and hospital management group, which initially planned to come to the market in mid-1989, now plans to go public early in December. The flotation will value the business at about £200 million, and Compass intends to release about 30 per cent of its equity.

Compass was bought for £163 million by its management from Grand Metropolitan in June 1987, in what was the biggest British-funded buyout at the time. Mr Gerry Robinson, chief executive, will use the flotation to repay borrowings incurred by the buyout. In its first full year as an independent company, Compass has performed well, with pre-tax profits up 166 per cent from £5 million in 1987, to £13.3 million this year. Operating profit rose 43 per cent to £24.7 million and group turnover was a record £276.9 million.

Ladbroke refinancing

Ladbroke Group has set up a £500 million evergreen multi-option facility to refinance the short- and medium-term borrowings taken out to finance last year's purchase of Hilton International. The new arrangement is cheaper and more flexible than the company's existing borrowings, Ladbroke said. The facility includes a £350 million standby credit and a multi-currency loan facility.

Expansion for Tonks

Newman Tonks Group, the door controls and architectural supplies company, has acquired Aquapower and Power Pumps for a maximum £650,000. Aquapower distributes power shower systems, and Power Pumps manufactures flow switches. With £273,000 of the consideration paid on completion, the balance is payable over three years, dependent on performance.

Baldwin in £6m buy

Baldwin, the property group, is buying Oceangate, an investment company with a string of properties in and around London, for £6.16 million. As a result of the deal the Baldwin share capital will increase by a third. The 4.1 million new shares will be retained by the vendors.

The deal is conditional on Oceangate's portfolio — which includes the Leegate Centre in south-east London, and Burleigh House, at Enfield in Middlesex — showing on completion a valuation of at least £15 million. Baldwin will review the portfolio, aiming to realize investment potential.

Braithwaite's £700,000 sale

Braithwaite Group, the industrial holding company, has agreed to sell its Braithwaite Plastics subsidiary for about £700,000 to Superwood UK, the British subsidiary of Ireland's Superwood Holdings. Braithwaite Plastics makes multi-purpose board from waste thermoplastic material, and achieved pretax profits of £122,000 in the year to end-March.

Offer for MY unconditional

The £41 million agreed offer for MY Holdings by Malbak, the South African industrial group, has been declared unconditional. Holders of more than 55 per cent of MY equity have accepted the offer. Malbak, which sees the acquisition as part of its international expansion plans, said it intends to preserve MY's Stock Exchange listing.

HT Hughes ahead

HT Hughes, the waste management, demolition and transport group, has more than doubled its interim dividend from 0.5p to 1.1p for the half year to end-August. Pretax profits were £1.07 million against £880,000 on turnover of just under £8 million, against £5.12 million. Earnings per share are 3.8p against 3.5p.

Mr Bob Merrick, chairman, says the results show further steady progress in the first half, with an increasing emphasis on the waste management division. Several acquisitions have been made and others are under negotiation.

Hornby buys £2m sports boat firm

Hornby, the model train, Scalextric cars, and Pound Puppies group, is buying into the sports boat business, with the £2 million acquisition of Staffordshire-based Norman Fletcher (Sales and Developments) and Miles Products.

Fletcher, Europe's biggest designer and manufacturer of sports boats for hauling water-skiers around the bays of the Mediterranean, represents the Hornby group's first takeover since its USM flotation in December, 1986.

Founded by Mr Norman Fletcher 20 years ago, it now sells 1,000 sports boats a year, of which about 400 go overseas, mostly to continental Europe. It employs 122, boasts net assets of £1.5 million and is set to make £300,000 profit this year.

Mr Keith Ness, Hornby's chief executive, says the deal is in line with plans to expand in the hobby and leisure market. "We see ourselves as a leisure business and our next move could be into archery, bowls or golf, although we've plans to expand in the water sports business."

Of the £2 million being paid for Fletcher, £1.8 million will be in cash and £200,000 in Hornby shares. Mr Fletcher, now aged 61, stays on with a two-year contract to run the business.

Last week Mr Russell Goward's Charterhall lifted its share stake in Hornby to about 14 per cent, but his presence holds no fears for the Hornby board.

"He's buying them because they're cheap," says Mr Ness, "and as long as he is a serious investor we can have no quarrel.

"We have already met, our relationship is *par excellence*," he adds.

Hornby shares were unchanged at 221p.

Nordic to stay afloat

Shareholders of Nordic Investment Trust have failed in their attempt to wind up the the company, a move proposed by its largest shareholder, Bylock Investment, a Geneva-based investment group.

At an extraordinary general meeting, shareholders voted 70 to 28 in favour of the wind-up — falling short of the 75 per cent vote required.

Bylock has criticized GT Management, which manages the fund, saying it has underperformed the market.

Mr Mark Thompson, managing director of Bylock, said the result amounted to a vote of no-confidence, but Mr Anthony Dick, chairman of Nordic and director of GT Management, said the company had been formed as a long-term project. "To wind it up after three years would have been ludicrous."

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	786	CU	364	Laporte	307	Saatchi	220
Abbey	906	Cons Gold	139	L&G	480	Sainsbury	996
Alld-Lyons	1,310	Cookson	1,061	Lloyds	716	Scot & N	876
Amstrad	3,851	Courtaulds	2,068	Lonrho	13,454	Sears	1,342
ASDA	511	Dalgety	252	Lucas	250	Sedgwick	66
AB Foods	528	Dixons	864	Magnet	94	Shell	647
Argyll	911	ECC	584	M&S	2,248	Siebe	1,767
BAA	1,083	Enterprise	331	Maxwell Cm	8216	Slough	447
BET	1,033	Ferranti	2,539	MB Group'	n/a	Smith & N	1,35
BTR	1,326	Fisons	1,262	MEPC	240	Smith WH	199
BAT	802	FKI Babck	836	Midland	450	Smiths Ind	1,111
Barclays	1,089	Gateway Cp	1,206	NatWest	1,054	STC	158
Bass	354	Gen Acc	437	Next	4,761	Stan Chart	261
Beecham	914	GEC	3,797	Nth Food	103	Storehse	981
Beazer	935	Glaxo	1,417	P&O	824	Sun Allnce	356
Benfld SW	1,294	Globe Inv	194	Pearl	647	T & N	2,371
BICC	273	Glynwed	50	Pearson	190	Tarmac	1,889
Blue Arrow	1,585	Granada	288	Pilkington	3,009	Tate & Lyle	68
Blue Circle	293	Grand Met	647	Plessey	975	Taylor Wood	254
BOC	1,137	GUS 'A'	26	Polly Peck	494	TSB	808
Boots	3,046	GRE	835	Prudential	1,104	Tesco	804
BPB	802	GKN	1,265	Racal	3,052	Thorn EMI	1,005
Br Aero	402	Guinness	2,743	Racal Tele	1,988	Trafalgar	285
Br Airways	1,441	Hamm 'A'	83	Rk Hovis	3,665	THF	1,985
Br Comm	1,241	Hanson	2,005	Rank	364	Ultramar	404
Br Gas	6,215	H & C	179	R&C	123	Unigate	1,018
Br Land	365	Hawker	163	Redland	366	Unilever	434
Br Petrol	5,657	Hillsdown	456	Reed	427	United Bis	710
Br Telecom	2,493	IMI	582	Reuters	187	Utd News	554
Bunzl	185	ICI	1,329	RMC Gp	687	Wellcome	1,950
Burmah	101	Inchcape	494	RTZ	740	Whitbrd	684
Burton	3,221	Jaguar	389	R-Royce	238	Williams	1,071
C&W	1,637	Lasmo	558	Rothmn 'B'	336	Wills Fab	551
Cadbury	439	Ladbroke	294	Royal Bank	1,630	Wimpey G	886
Coats	2,184	Land Sec	424	Royal Ins	489	Woolworth	1,224

Industry downturn blamed for GT Management slip

By Carol Ferguson

GT Management, the international fund management and unit trust group, revealed a sharp drop in half-time pre-tax profits to £2.7 million, compared with £8.5 million previously.

The company said the poor performance was the direct result of the harsher environment in the financial services industry.

Funds under management declined from £3.6 billion to £3.2 billion, caused by the loss of a leading fund to the client's in-house management. Net redemptions of unit trusts were not material, and were offset by an increase in the value of the funds under management.

Turnover slipped from £25.4 million in the first half of last year to £16.1 million, on the reduction in the value of funds under management and the loss of the box profits due to changes in the unit trust regulations. Box profits were the gains made by unit trust managers out of their stock of newly-created units during a rising market.

Mr David Fitzwilliam-Lay, the chief executive, said there had been an attack on costs, including a £400,000 pension fund holiday, a 5 per cent reduction in staff, and a cut in the salaries of senior management. "We are looking at further cost-cutting, but the level of servicing we need to give the institutions is high.

He said that the business was now on an even keel, but said that unlike the first half, when there were three months of box profits, there would be no box profits in the second half. "There are many uncertainties around the corner, including the market level, and it would be unwise to make projections at this stage.

Mr Fitzwilliam-Lay said that GT was continuing to attract funds from Japanese sources, and these funds now amounted to 20 per cent of the group's funds under management."There are good prospects for an increase in funds under management from Japanese clients," he said.

Mr Tom Griffin, GT's chairman, said that Britain had become much more difficult due to lack of growth in unit trust business and reduced profitability, after the changes in dealing regulation imposed in July. However, he added that the investment performance of GT's trusts had been good. "The most recent figures available for the year to October 26 show all but two of our authorized UK unit trusts in the first or second quartile of their sectors."

In the US, where the group launched its mutual funds in the middle of 1987, a few months before the October crash, no contribution to profits is expected until 1989.

Mr Griffin said: "The group's strategy during this period of depressed financial markets has been to continue our stated course of business development in Japan, the US and Europe, while at the same time seeking to reduce the costs of doing so."

The interim dividend of 1.25p net was unchanged.

Guinness to be listed in Paris

By Lawrence Lever

Guinness, the drinks group, is seeking a listing on the Paris bourse, ostensibly as part of a plan to encourage overseas institutional interest in its shares.

A Guinness spokesman yesterday declined to say whether the Paris listing was a prelude to new corporate activity by Guinness in France. Guinness and its partner, Financière Agache, already own 33.4 per cent of LVMH, the French luxury goods and drinks group.

Mr Anthony Tennant, group chief executive of Guinness, said the Paris listing "further demonstrates our commitment to France." Guinness has an ADR facility in the US and is listed on the Dublin Stock Exchange.

● Guinness has purchased a further 700,000 of its own shares for 340p each. This brings the total purchases by Guinness to 31.7 million shares.

Bearer of bad tidings: David Alliance, who gave warning of lower sales yesterday

N Brown hit by post strike

By Martin Waller

N Brown Group, the mail order business 60 per cent owned by Mr David Alliance, chief executive of Coats Viyella, and his family interests, saw pre-tax profits reduced from £4.87 million to £4.70 million in the first half to September 3.

But the real bad news came after that with the postal strike in September, Mr Alliance, the chairman, said.

This coincided with the launch of the company's autumn and winter catalogues and led to a significant loss of sales, which were likely to be lower in the second half than in the same period last year.

The interim dividend was held at 1.5p.

The profits warning saw the shares drop by 19p to 183p.

Mr Alan Dean, the chief executive, estimated that the strike could have cost the company as much as £12 million in sales and more than £5 million in lost profits.

As a result it had taken the contract for its parcels distribution business, which accounts for 30 per cent of output in volume terms and 50 per cent in value, away from the Post Office and placed it with the distribution network of another mail order firm.

Brown is negotiating for compensation for the loss of profits.

This is most likely to take the form of preferential rates on the business left with the Post Office.

The first half saw some effects of the strike, with orders falling off when the threat of postal disruption emerged. But most of the damage came from a relatively poor market for clothing, which cost an estimated £1.5 million, and £500,000 in reorganization costs.

The mail order side saw sales up 22 per cent at £47.2 million but profits £100,000 lower at £3.8 million. Of the rest of the group, Morfitt & Turnbull, the financial services side, was hit by weak equity markets its performance balanced by Dunlop Heywood, the commercial property business, which saw strong growth in demand.

Tempus 26

FII-Fyffes expands in £15m deal

By Graham Searjeant

FII-Fyffes, the Dublin-based fruit trader at the centre of the bid battle for Irish Distillers Group, is expanding its British fruit and vegetable trading and moving into retail greengrocery in a £14.8 million deal.

It is buying Rowe & Co, a large wholesale and distribution business covering the South of England and South Wales.

Rowe, which is being bought from Rowe & Co (Cornwall) Holdings, made profits of £1.4 million on sales of £87 million in the year to end-March, after adjusting for part of the business being retained by the present owners.

As part of the deal, FII is also buying the loss-making Gerrards chain of 125 greengrocers shops in southern England.

It is paying in unquoted convertible preference shares, new ordinary shares, loan stock and £4.8 million cash.

$33m cable deal for Delta

By Our City Staff

Delta, the engineering and industrial services group, is buying FL Surprenant, the US specialist high-technology cable-maker, from FL Industries, its parent, for $33 million cash (£18.6 million).

Surprenant, whose cables are used in the defence, energy and transport industries, has annual sales of more than $40 million. In 1987, the company made a pre-tax profit of $4.1 million. The acquisition fits in with Delta's aim to develop its capability in high-technology cables and to build up its position in North American markets.

In September, Delta said it intended to continue its programme of international acquisitions in its main business areas.

It has now invested about £65 million in a series of acquisitions during the past 18 months.

Mr Geoffrey Wilson, Delta's chairman, said Surprenant was an excellent niche business in its own right and its technology could be transferred to strengthen further Delta's position in the European market.

The fair value of Surprenant's assets is about $24 million.

Danes buy into second UK airline

AP Moller, the Danish industrial conglomerate, yesterday bought into a second British airline within three days.

On Friday, it took a 40 per cent stake in Plimsoll Line, owners of Brymon Airways. Yesterday, Plimsoll Line bought out the entire shares of Birmingham Executive Airways for £1.9 million.

Birmingham Executive, which lost £790,000 in the last financial year, has 10 European scheduled service licences to seven main destinations.

Advisers hired

Brent Walker, the leisure group, has hired more financial advisers in a bid to raise its City profile. James Capel is appointed joint broker with Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers. Peat Marwick McLintock is appointed joint auditor with Leigh Carr, the existing firm.

Unilever deal

Unilever, through its US subsidiary, has bought Pennant Products, the privately-owned speciality bakery products manufacturer of Rochester, New York. Price was not disclosed.

US purchase

BTP, the specialist chemicals group, has made its second purchase in the US with the $2 million (£1.1 million) acquisition of XL Corporation's chemical division, of Calhoun, Georgia.

ICI venture

ICI is to spend £50 million in a further joint venture with the China Petrochemical Development Corporation, doubling the capacity of their existing plant in Taiwan.

Bid cleared

The Department of Trade and Industry has cleared the £70.7 million agreed bid by Tiphook for Rentco International, which created Europe's largest trailer leasing company.

Shares move

Mountleigh Group has bought 12.29 million of its own shares at 167.5p each, while J Rothschild Holdings bought a total of 2.45 million of its own shares at 153p and 155p each.

Bardon sells

Bardon, the quarrying and building products concern group, has sold Steer Hire, its plant and tool hire operation, for a reported £8 million to BET Plant Services.

Era rejects

Era Group, the specialist retailer, has announced and rejected a takeover approach from an unnamed suitor.

COMMENT David Brewerton

No need to take heed of the jingo-janglers

Stand up, Sir Hector Laing, and take a bow – not for splitting the vote at the Confederation of British Industry, but for raising once again the question of merger policy.

It is too easy to whip up a jingoistic frenzy against foreign takeovers of British companies. It happened when Nestlé bid for Rowntree and it is happening again in the case of Scottish & Newcastle Breweries and its defence against Elders IXL.

The jingoistic card has wide appeal. It can be played by the far left and the far right with equal conviction. It can be played by the dedicated internationalist, hoping to drive other countries to be as open as Britain by suggesting that without "reciprocity" there can be no future for cross-border takeovers, and it can be played just as convincingly by the arch-protectionist hoping to build an impenetrable ring fence around our national possessions.

From the union meeting to the board meeting, "hands off" can be used with devastating effect. It passes off ambitious corporations as national enemies, a sham rekindling of the Dunkirk spirit.

Sir Hector has made his position on foreign takeovers abundantly clear, from platforms as diverse as the columns of *The Times* to the annual meeting of the CBI. He wants to stop the process which he says has delivered 20 per cent of British manufacturing output into foreign hands. But he recognizes, beneath his colourful and entertaining delivery, that the process will not be stopped by a Monopolies Commission ring fence – at any rate,not under this Government.

The real debate should be about allowing British companies to build themselves, by domestic mergers if necessary, into world-scale corporations. Merger policy is disastrously domestic, and is preventing some of our best companies from getting bigger, except by expanding overseas. Scottish & Newcastle, for instance, would be unlikely to be allowed to bid for any but the smallest British brewer, and none of the majors, such as Bass, would be given a green light to bid. (Guinness, by the way, is an interesting possibility which should not be dismissed out of hand. Guinness has looked hard at S&N, although whether it would be willing to tangle with the Scottish lobby after the Distillers affair is another matter.)

If Rowntree had thought it could have merged with Cadbury Schweppes, for instance, or even Sir Hector's United Biscuits, the decisions might now still be taken in York rather than Switzerland. Lord Young is well aware of the problem, and made reference to it in his speech last week. He said that all too often, claims that domestic mergers would enable UK companies to compete more effectively overseas had not been borne out by events.

Sir Hector is demanding something more thoughtful than that. As 1992 moves closer to reality, merger policy will have to adapt, and it is better that the issue be debated sooner than later. But Lord Young has no need to listen to the jingo-jangles.

TV picture is still fuzzy

The market dislikes nothing so much as uncertainty. But in the case of the independent television industry, with its fixed-term licences and infinitely adjustable levies of various sorts, uncertainty was always a feature. Yesterday's White Paper is unlikely to do much to dispel it.

Under the proposed new regime, the licence will still be a wasting asset, but with a 10-year life rather than eight, renewable for a further 10 years rather than four. The licences will be awarded to the highest bidder who passes the Government's quality threshold of being able to meet the programming requirements, and passes the yet-to-be determined ownership tests.

On renewal, there will be a fee based on advertising, subscription and sponsorship revenues. In addition, the Government plans a progressive advertising levy to replace the ITV levy.

Clearly, the Government is bent on prising out for its own use much more of the TV companies' cash flow than it has hitherto. They are flush with cash – at their latest financial year-ends, HTV had £11.2 million, Central £14.6 million and Anglia £18.2 million, to name but three – and by the time the bids have to be lodged for the new licences they will have accumulated even more.

On the plus side for the shareholders, it is likely that the TV companies will no longer be bid-proof, although there will be limits on the concentration of ownership of the media. In addition, it would be a very unlucky TV contractor indeed who did not succeed in winning a licence of some sort with so many new franchises planned. Aside from the new fifth channel, there will be separate licences for night-time on both ITV and one of the BBC channels.

It is likely that television will no longer be the "licence to print money" that it once was. But with so much new air-time planned, not forgetting satellite and cable television, perhaps an investment in the independent programme makers would be a better bet than the TV companies.

Treasures from the Treasury

The plight of the Treasury, which has lost a steady stream of talented young economists to the bright lights and high salaries of the City, has worsened still further. After last week's resignations comes the news that yet another of the Treasury protégés, Paul Davis, has also quit. Davis, aged 27, started work as a UK economist with Phillips & Drew, the stockbroker, yesterday. A graduate of the London School of Economics, Davis had been with the Treasury for three years, as a senior economic assistant, briefing ministers on the balance of payments and, prior to that, working on price and wage-rise forecasts. He replaces Mark Brown, also an ex-Treasury man, who has switched from UK economics to specialize in the US, and he will report to Bill Martin, the firm's chief UK economist. Admitting that he was attracted to the Square Mile by the money and because it was "less hierarchical", Davis confirms that the Treasury is likely to experience a dearth of economic advisers – the next grade up – if senior economic assistants continue to leave at their present rate. "It is already causing problems," he says. "They are having to transfer people across from other departments or academia, but, bright though they might be, that is sometimes far from ideal." And with City firms offering at least double Civil Service rates of pay, the flow looks set to continue.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Magical mystery tourer

Lord Young of Graffham, who is responsible, among other things, for the Monopolies and Mergers Commission, might be even keener to acquire the car registration number MMC 66 attached to a white Jaguar and spotted by a reader the other day, once he knows what it stands for. Its owner is Leonard Jarrad, the senior partner of Hillier Parker, one of the largest independent firms of chartered surveyors in Britain. Jarrad, who has had a white Jaguar for as long as he can remember, bought the number plate some 10 years ago, "as soon as he became a member of the Magic Circle," a spokesman tells me. I'm sure that Lord Young feels, at times, as if he is expected to do the same . . .

Wig and pun

"The general public often sees lawyers as stuffy and boring." So says Tim Piper of West End solicitors Brecher & Co. And Brechers is determined to do something about it. To that end it is organizing the first National Legal Humour Awards. Entrants do not have to be in the legal profession themselves, but their offerings must provide examples of legal wit recently encountered. The first prize is a Mediterranean holiday for two. Piper claims that: "The legal profession has for years been a source of sophisticated wit and humour. I believe that by organizing this award, we will encourage the public to see lawyers as human beings." Is that his entry or is he serious?

"Can't imagine them getting much for this lot"

Banns aye

Meidensha, a Japanese manufacturer of electrical machinery, may have started a new trend in perks. If you are a Meidensha employee posted overseas, single and of marriageable age, you enjoy seven additional days holiday and a round-trip ticket to Japan. The object of the exercise is matrimony. For Meidensha is paying the way home for *miai*, the traditional Japanese meeting for arranged marriages.

Food for thought

Thrusting, hard-nosed business ethics have dominated the Confederation of British Industry Conference in Torquay. But there have also been one or two voices of conscience. Michael Walker, chairman of the Sidlaw Group, is one such voice. During a debate on human resources management, he told the meeting of his concern about the growing "greed at the top" of British companies. This did not mean being ashamed of higher rewards for higher performance, he said, but of inexcusably high packages of rewards for undeserving executives, some of which had hit the headlines, and which represented nothing but "selfish greed". Walker cited as the worst case – without mentioning names – that of a senior executive who negotiated a free lunch for life as long as he was still able to stagger along to the Savoy Grill. "I can only assume that the company must have wanted to get rid of him very badly," Walker concluded. Methinks Anton Edelmann, the Savoy's chef, might disagree.

● **Legendary comic Bob Hope got US bankers to vote early. While entertaining 2,000 of them at a Hawaii convention at the weekend, he asked for a show of hands for today's presidential contenders. He counted only a dozen Dukakis supporters, while they went wild for Bush. It prompted Hope to quip: "Banking – that's Republican."**

Carol Leonard

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CBI NATIONAL CONFERENCE '88

President warns of serious threat posed by increasing labour costs

The president of the CBI gave warning yesterday that British industry's ability to compete in world markets will be seriously damaged if labour costs rise at the rate predicted by the Chancellor in his autumn statement.

In his opening address at the CBI's annual conference in Torquay, Sir Trevor Holdsworth said industry and commerce everywhere is now exuding a refreshing air of confidence.

However, he said there were three points in the Chancellor's autumn statement which should challenge industry — declining investment, a worsening in unit costs and the continuing substantial trade deficit.

"Over a year ago, after Black Monday, we had such a test and came through it. Maybe the current concerns could be another one.

"Take investment. Manufacturing investment has been growing steadily and this year will reach 18 per cent, its best growth since 1964. But the Chancellor forecast that next year it will drop to only 10 per cent. We should not let this happen.

"We know that economic growth will not be sustained without investment, investment in people and their training, investment in research and development, investment in design and maketing, investment in tangible production and distribution. And government investment in the infrastructure. "We must keep up this momentum. We must not let 1987 be just a flash in the pan and a historical record."

He said the CBI must work to continue to reduce the increase in unit labour costs to below the 2½ per cent forecast by the Chancellor.

He said: "If this proves correct it will seriously undermine out ability to compete in world markets.

"Why should we let this happen? It is sometimes suggested to me that British industry is nearing the limit of productivity gains. Nonsense. All managers know that there is no such thing as an end to efficiency improvements.

"We know that nationally there is still a substantial gap between us and some other major competitor countries like Germany and the United States."

He said that associated with this is the growth of earnings, on which industry has been criticized.

"If we make sure that such growth is fully covered by gains in productivity then no one can be critical."

On the trade gap, he said that it is not the lack of exports, but the surge in imports which is causing problems.

"Could we not begin to see this as a market opportunity and try to eat into the import surge with home-made products?

"Investment in increased capacity and in new products to meet both the import market and the single European market must be a strategy for some of us to follow.

"There is nothing better than making other people's forecasts go wrong. The Chancellor has recently been wrong in his forecasts. I am sure that he would be glad to wrong again."

Looking for moderation in earnings growth: Norman Fowler

Government told to avoid confrontation over taxation policy in run-up to 1992

The Government was told by *industrialists to beware of* adopting too confrontational an approach in negotiations with its European Economic Community partners as 1992 approached, particularly over the controversial issues of fiscal harmonization and VAT.

In addition Lord Plumb, president of the European Parliament and former leader of the Conservative group there, re-echoed his opinion that the time was ripe and right for sterling to join the exchange rate mechanism. The advantages of that, he said, were all too obvious to traders.

"The EEC is not, will not and must not be a protectionist community: no fortress Europe is envisaged."

The case for the removal of internal EEC barriers in 1992 and building a more competitive Europe, the main theme of the conference, was overwhelming. He said the trend was away from bureaucracy *and red tape towards freer* trade and deregulation. The EEC, was not, would not and must not be a protectionist community: no fortress Europe was envisaged.

The momentum was there and he believed in tackling problems in a practical and pragmatic way. He did not believe in shooting at imaginary targets, tilting at windmills or chasing after unrealistic objectives. Most businessmen were streets ahead of the politicians on 1992.

Mrs Thatcher has recently voiced repeated opposition to British entry to the EMS and to a common currency but Lord Plumb said that as exchange rates become more stable, so the rule of a common currency would steadily become more obvious. This *might involve further roles for* the European currency unit or eventually a common currency.

The EEC used to be a theoretical concept but soon a common currency would become concrete and inevitable and when it came, he explained, it would appear to be a logical and necessary dev*elopment and not just the* project of an airy-fairy vision.

The sovereignty issue was not just about losses but about the balance between losses and gains. Over the Community, the gains had far outweighed the losses and he believed that would continue to be the case.

Desirable progress need not be at the expense of national or regional identity. The Act of Union no more made the Scots into English than the development of a Community would result in some sort of identikit European personality. Government and industry would get nowhere if they pretended to ignore developments at the European level.

Three resolutions on 1992 were carried. The conference was convinced that, in spite of the remaining problems, the single European market would be substantially complete by 1992, and it called on British business to prepare itself to meet the increased competition and take full advantage of the opportunities. The conference believed that completion of the single market made a one-stop competition authority essential, in spite of the loss of national control.

Conference called upon the EEC to use its additional *negotiating leverage to obtain* reciprocal benefits, especially in the context of the new Gatt round.

Mr Robert Brooke marketing director of Price Waterhouse, said British objections to the approximation approach to VAT *rates* was being seen by other member states as unwillingness to negotiate and to listen. That could be a threat and lead to isolation.

"A more open and constructive debate with our partners would be well received," he said, "and help avoid solutions that smack of last minute compromise rather than balanced judgement.

"We may be able to retain zero rate VAT on some matters through meaningful discussion. The CBI should push the Government hard to negotiate sensibly rather than in the current seemingly confrontational style.

"Let us sort this out now rather than run the risk of stopping the whole process in its tracks by refusing to be realistic until the bitter end."

Mr Ian Butler, of Cookson Group and chairman of the CBI companies committee, said the bases on which the European Commission considered a merger were far from clear. A European merger regulation was required which if properly written could provide greater speed and legal certainty.

The Government should say that national authorities should still have rights to intervene where the public interest was at stake but if that was to be so then "public interest" must be more clearly defied.

Mr Martin Taylor, vice chairman of Hanson, said the first step remained the establishment of an agreed European competition policy. Without that, they would never be able to agree on mergers.

Mr Charles Green, of National Westminster Bank, said it would be a betrayal if while breaking down constraints on trade within Europe the Community was to erect greater external protection. "We must ensure our approach to world trade is consistent with the liberalization we preach at home."

"A more open debate with our partners would help avoid solutions that smack of compromise"

Mr John Raisman, deputy chairman of British Telecom and chairman of the CBI Europe committee, said they must place knowledge of one or more European languages and familiarity of European culture and social habits high on *the list of priorities for* all staff who dealt with Europe.

This was a challenge which education and industry must work together to meet.

Mr John Quinton, chairman of Barclays Bank, considered the single market would not be a comfortable place.

"The sovereignty that we as businessmen need to be bothered about is the sovereignty of the consumer."

Mr Michael Heron, regional director of Unilever, said Britain's Achilles heel was the potential lack of skill within a total workforce.

Time ripe and right for sterling to join EMS: Lord Plumb

Fowler attacks pace of pay rises

The pace of pay settlements has been added to the list of differences which have emerged between the Government and the CBI.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, told the conference that pay rises are still too high and running at double the rate of settlements in the United States, France and Germany.

However, the CBI employment policy committee said pay rates are now more closely linked to productivity and that companies are moving away from the "mythology" of the annual pay round.

Mr Fowler said: "The going rate is still a powerful influence. The annual pay round shows little sign of disappearing. There has been slow progress towards decentralized pay bargaining and peformance-related pay systems which take account of local labour market circumstances.

He said that unless moderation in earnings growth was achieved British industry would be cruelly exposed in 1992.

He added that it was time to put a long-term strategy for the development of people at the top of industry and government agendas.

He also warned the CBI that between now and 1994 the number of young people leaving school and college will fall by 30 per cent. "For the first *time for years prosperity* and future economic growth could be constrained by the scarcity of workers.

"That means women — particularly married returners to the job market. It means older workers — we cannot afford to waste their experience and maturity. It means making a reality of equal opportunities and not just paying lip service to it. And it means giving a chance to the unemployed.

Mr Geoffrey Armstrong, chairman of the CBI employment policy committee, said flexibility of rewards is a recurrent theme among successful companies."Pay linked to contribution and performance rather than some mythical concept of the going rate is an important element by which employees can achieve reward and recognition for their initiative in making their firms competitive."

Both were speaking during a debate in which the CBI urged member companies to adopt the polices suggested in its review *People: the cutting edge of competitiveness* and a resolution calling on the EEC to end its preoccupation with "outdated, irrelevant and damaging" proposals for social legislation.

Conference reports by Colin Narbrough, Alan Wood and David Young

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WALL STREET

Dow falls on fears of tighter credit

New York (Reuter) — Wall Street shares fell with bonds in early trading yesterday, following the purchasing agents' report of a strong economy in October and adding to concern about possible credit tightening by the Fed.

The Dow Jones industrial average, after being down about 18 points, was 13.87 lower to 2,131.93 at one stage when the transport indicator lost 6.18 to 923.55.

Declining issues broadly outnumbered advancing shares. Trading was slow.

Futures traders said there was some early cash stock selling. Bonds also fell, weighing on stocks.

● **Frankfurt (Reuter)** — The DAX index of 30 shares yesterday finished at 1,271.13, down 13.89 points. The Commerzbank index, calculated at midsession, lost 20.2 points to 1,590.30. Anxiety about the US presidential election kept investors on the sidelines.

● **Tokyo** — The Nikkei index fell 180.39 points, or 0.64 per cent, to close at 27,866.36 yesterday. Share prices slid through the day, as investors took profits and stay out of trading ahead of the US election and on concerns about Emperor Hirohito's health.

● **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index fell steadily during the afternoon to end 17.49 points lower at 2,567.02.

● **Singapore** — The *Straits Times* industrial index lost 5.21 points to close at 1,023.27 against Friday's 1,028.48.

	Nov 4	Nov 3
AMR Cp	48⅝	49⅝
ASA	40⅝	40⅝
Aetna Life	49⅛	50
Allied Signal	34⅝	34½
Alls Chlm	½	½
Alcoa	54⅛	55⅛
Amax Inc	23	23⅛
AMR Hess	28⅝	29
Am Brands	54⅝	54⅝
Am Cynmd	48⅝	49⅝
Am Ele Pwr	27⅝	28⅛
Amexs	27⅛	27½
Am Family	13⅝	13⅝
Am Home	81⅝	83⅝
Am Int Grp	66	66⅝
Am Telph	28⅝	28⅝
Amoco Cp	73⅝	73⅝
Anheuser B	32⅛	32⅝
Arch Dan	20⅛	20⅛
Armco Steel	9⅝	10
Asarco Inc	27⅛	26⅝
Ashland Oil	35⅛	35½
Atl Richfld	78⅝	79⅝
Avon Prod	21⅝	22⅛
Bk Boston	24⅝	24⅝
Bank NY	35⅝	35⅝
Bankamer	18⅝	19⅛
Bkrs Tst NY	37⅝	38⅝
Baxter	17⅝	17⅝
Beth Steel	21½	21⅝
Boeing	64⅝	64⅝
Boise Casc	43	43⅝
Borden	57⅝	57⅝
Bristl Meyr	43⅝	44½
BP	52⅝	53⅝
Brunswick	18⅛	18⅝
Burl Ntn	70⅝	70⅝
CBS	178½	176⅝
CMS Engy	25⅛	25
CPC Int	53	53⅝
CSX Cp	30⅝	31
Camp Soup	32½	33
Can Pacific	16⅝	17⅛
Caterpillar	61	61⅝
Centrl SW	31⅝	31½
Champion	32⅛	32⅝
Chase Man	28⅝	29⅛
Chem Bank	32⅝	32½
Chevron	45⅛	46⅝
Chrysler	25⅝	25⅝
Citicorp	25⅛	25⅝
Clark Eq	30⅝	30⅝
Coca Cola	43⅛	43⅝
Colgate	46	46⅛
Columb Gas	34	34⅛
Cmb'tn Eng	28½	28⅝
Cmwlth Ed	32⅛	32⅝
Cons Edis	46⅝	46⅝
Consol Ng	38⅝	39⅛
Cont Data	20	19⅝
Corning Gl	67½	67⅝
Crane	24⅛	24
Curtiss W	49⅛	49⅝
Data Genl	18⅝	18⅝
Deere Co	46⅝	47
Delta Airl	51⅛	51½
Detroit Edi	18⅝	18⅝
Digital Eq	94⅝	95
Disney	63⅝	64⅝
Dow Chem	87⅝	88⅝
Dresslr Ind	27⅛	27½
Dupont	82⅛	82⅝
Duke Pwr	47⅛	47⅝
East Kodak	46⅝	46⅝
Eaton Cp	51	51⅝
Emerson El	30⅝	30⅝
Emery Air	4⅝	4⅝
Exxon	44⅛	44⅝
Farah Inc	9⅝	9⅝

	Nov 4	Nov 3
Fedders	11⅝	11⅝
Fst Chicago	32	32⅝
Fst Int Bncp	48	48⅝
Fst Penn C	12⅝	12⅝
FT Wachvia	38⅝	38½
Ford Motor	49⅝	50⅝
GAF Cp	48⅝	49⅝
GTE Cp	43⅝	43½
Gen Cp	20⅝	21⅝
Gn Dynam	53⅝	54
Gen Electric	43⅝	44⅝
Gen Inst	23⅛	22⅝
Gen Mills	54½	54⅝
Gen Motors	83⅝	84⅝
Gen Pub Ut	36⅝	36⅝
Genesco	4⅝	5
Georgia Pac	35⅝	35⅝
Gillette	36	36⅝
Goodrich	56	53⅝
Goodyear	52	52⅝
Gould	n.a	n.a
Grace Co	26⅝	27⅝
Grt Atl Pac	44⅝	45⅝
Greyhnd	31⅝	31⅝
Grumen	22⅝	23⅝
Gulf Westn	39⅝	40⅝
Heinz	47⅝	46⅝
Hercules	45⅝	45⅝
Hewlett Pk	48⅝	48⅝
Honeywell	62⅝	63
IC Ind	35⅝	35⅛
ITT Cp	51⅛	53
INCO	29⅝	30⅝
Ing Rand Wl	32⅝	33⅝
Inland Steel	38½	38⅝
IBM	120⅝	122⅝
Int Paper	46⅝	47½
Irving Bk	77	77⅝
Jhsn & Jhsn	86⅝	87⅝
K Mart	36⅝	37⅛
Kaisertech	n.a	n.a
Kerr McGee	37⅝	38⅝
Kimbrly Clrk	58½	59
Kraft	103⅝	103⅝
Kroger	18⅝	18⅝
LTV Cp	2⅝	2⅝
Litton	72½	73⅝
Lockheed	43	43⅝
Lone Star	31½	31⅛
Man H'nwr	28⅛	28⅝
Manville	1½	1⅝
Mapco	54⅝	55⅛
Marriott	30⅝	31⅝
Mt Marietta	43⅝	43⅝
Masco Cp	26⅛	26⅝
Mcdonalds	47	48
McDonnell	78⅝	79
Mead Cp	43⅝	44
Merck	58	58⅝
Minsta Mng	60⅛	60⅝
Mobil	44⅛	44⅝
Monsanto	78½	78
Montedison	15⅛	15⅝
Morgan Jp	35	36
Motorola	39	38½
NCR	55⅝	57
NL Indstrs	5⅝	5⅝
Nat Md Ent	22⅝	22⅝
Nat Semi	9⅛	9⅛
Norfolk Sth	30½	30½
NW Bancrp	32⅝	32⅝
Occid Petl	26⅛	26⅛
Ogden Cp	30	29⅝
Olin Cp	48⅝	48
PPG Ind	40⅝	41½
Pac Enterp	39⅝	39½
Pac Gas El	17⅛	17⅛
Pan Am	2⅛	2⅛
Penney JC	54	54⅝

	Nov 4	Nov 3
Pennzoil	75⅛	75⅝
Pepsico	40⅝	41⅛
Pfizer	56⅛	57⅛
Phelps Dod	48½	48⅝
Philip Mor	95⅛	96⅛
Philip Petl	19⅛	19⅝
Pillsbury	60⅝	61
Polaroid	37⅛	37½
Primerica	29	29⅝
Proct Gble	84½	84
Pub SE Gr	24⅝	25⅛
R Nabisco	85⅝	86⅝
Raytheon	71	72⅛
Reynolds Metl	54⅛	54⅝
Rockwell Int	21⅛	21⅝
Royal Dutch	110⅝	112⅝
SFE Sopac	17⅝	18
Sara Lee	46⅝	47⅝
Schlumb	33½	33⅝
Scott Paper	38⅝	38⅛
Seagram	57⅛	58
Sears Roeb	44⅛	46
Sec Pac	38⅝	39⅝
Shell Trans	69⅝	70⅛
Smith Beck	44	44⅝
Sony Cp	46⅝	47⅛
SW Bell	40⅝	41½
Squibb	67⅝	68
Sun Comp	30½	30½
TDK	61⅛	62⅝
TRW Inc	43	44
Teledyne	333⅝	334⅝
Tenneco	50⅛	50½
Texaco	46⅝	46⅝
Tex Eastn	27⅝	27⅝
Texas Inst	37⅝	38
Tex Util	29	29⅝
Textron	24⅛	25⅝
Travelers	35⅝	35⅝
UAL Cp	97⅝	99⅝
USG Cp	6⅛	6⅝
USX Cp	27⅝	28⅝
Unilever Plc	34⅝	34⅝
Un Carbide	26	25½
Un Pac Cp	62⅝	63⅝
Unisys Cp	26⅝	27⅛
Unit Brand	18⅛	18⅝
Us West	57⅝	57⅝
Utd Tech	41	41⅝
Unocal	37⅛	38
Warn Lamb	74⅝	75½
Wells Far	69½	69½
Westg El	52⅝	53⅛
Weyershr	24½	24⅝
Whirlpool	26⅝	26⅝
Woolworth	53⅝	54⅛
Xerox Cp	58⅝	58⅝
Zenith	19⅝	19⅝
CANADIAN PRICES		
Agnco Eag	13½	13⅝
Alcan Alum	36⅝	37⅝
Algoma Stl	n.a	n.a
Can Pacific	20⅝	20⅝
Cominco	21⅝	21⅝
Con Bathrst	15⅛	15⅛
Hawk'S Can	21	21⅝
Hud Bay M	21	21⅛
Imasco	27	27⅝
Imperial Oil	47⅝	48⅝
Inco	35⅝	36⅝
Royl Trstco	16⅛	16⅛
Seagram	70⅛	71
Shelco 'A'	21⅝	40⅝
Thmsn N 'A'	28⅝	29⅛
Varity Cp	3.50	3.55
WCT	16⅛	16⅝
Weston	36⅛	36⅝

STOCK MARKET

Shares drift ahead of US election

All eyes in London were focused on the US presidential election which meant that share prices were left to drift aimlessly while investors anxiously awaited the outcome of the vote.

Suggestions that Governor Michael Dukakis, the Democratic candidate, has managed to put in a late run and close the gap on his Republican rival and favourite, Vice-President George Bush, only served to heighten their anxiety.

Mr Nicholas Knight, managing director of research at Drexel Burnham Lambert, the New York-based securities house, expects the market to benefit from Mr Bush being elected while the downside effect of a Dukakis victory is much less than some experts think.

But with the US President-elect not taking office until January, the market could drift lower in the short-term as it waits for clarification of what he intends to do in order to trim the huge US budget and trade deficit.

Prices in London were marked lower from the outset following dull performances over the weekend in both New York and Tokyo. Dealers said there was plenty of stock on offer but no weight of selling pressure.

The FT-SE 100 share index closed slightly above its worst levels with a fall of 14.6 at 1,819.7 as the turnover of alpha and beta shares fell to a depressing 331 million. The narrower FT index of 30 shares lost 10.6 at 1,475.0, having opened 8.6 down.

Government securities were also depressed losing £¼ at the longer end.

Once again **Lonrho** was the main feature as the share price continued to scale new heights on hopes of a bid from Mr Alan Bond, the Australian brewer, who yesterday announced he had raised his stake in the company to 20.5 per cent. Lonrho finished 9p higher at an all-time high of 422p as a total of 13 million shares were traded.

Speculators are claiming that Mr Bond has continued adding to his holding and may now own nearer 25 per cent. They believe he may now take his holding up to the crucial 29.9 per cent level.

Heavy turnover of shares at Norfolk Capital is causing concern to the board. Since October 26, a staggering 40 million shares, or 10 per cent of the equity, have been traded — about three times the normal level. But it has not been refelcted in the price which was unchanged at 32p.

Several large lines of 500,000 Lonrho shares went through the market as some fund managers, who doubt that Mr Bond will make a full bid, decided to cash in some of their huge profits.

There was also heavy turnover in shares of Mr Peter de Savary's Land Leisure, which was the subject of an agreed £180 million bid by rival Leisure Investments last week. The price rose 1p to 270p as more than 4 million shares, or 10 per ceng of the company, were traded.

Shares of **Darby Group**, the manufacturer and distributor of specialist glass products, made an encouraging start on the Unlisted Securities Market.

Placed at 115p each by Panmure Gordon, the broker, the shares raced ahead in active trading to finish with a 25p premium at 140p.

Com-Tek Resources, a junior oil and gas company based in Denver, Colorado, also joined the USM, but did not attract as much support. Placed at 16.5p a share by Baynard Securities and Charlton Seal, the shares touched 17p before closing at 16.5p.

Ranks Hovis McDougall, the food group, was marked lower first thing and then succumbed to selling pressure to finish 17p lower at 375p.

There is talk that Goodman Fielder Wattie, the Australian food group, has had problems trying to sell its 29.9 per cent stake in RHM. Suggestions that it may now sell some or all of its shares in the marketplace, prompted the weakness.

GFW decided to sell the stake after its £1.7 billion bid for RHM was referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in August. GFW had requested that the tenders should be lodged with Samuel Montagu and SG Warburg, its financial advisers, by late October and was hoping to receive cash bids of about 450p a share.

But the offers have fallen short of the asking price and appear to be nearer the 400p mark. Brokers feel that a deal this side of Christmas now looks unlikely.

Consortium takeover talk resurfaced in the **Trusthouse Forte** hotels group and helped the shares resist the dull trend to close 5p better at 269p.

Dealers reported heavy turnover in the traded options market and this fed through to the underlying market.

Panmure Gordon, the broker, reckons the selling in Jaguar, the luxury car maker, has been overdone. It says the current price of 267p, down 1p, neither reflects the true value of the company should a bid emerge, nor its trading worth if a recovery in profits should occur.

Market-makers heard from their counterparts in the option market that speculators were buying calls in THF's December 240s', 260s' and 280s' series. Sol, the Spanish hotels group, was at one stage believed to be at the helm of a bidding consortium, while recently there have been suggestions that a bid from an international triumvirate of Mandarin Hotels, the Barclay brothers and West Germany's Otker group was on the way.

Analysts believe that THF is fundamentally undervalued at below 300p a share.

Cable and Wireless, the Mercury telecommunications group, fell 10p to 387p after it announced the proposed sale of between 6.4 per cent and 7.1 per cent of its 79 per cent owned subsidiary, Hongkong Telecom.

County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, rates C&W as a buy ahead of next week's interim results and is going for a 21 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £200 million compared with £165 million last year, helped by £12 million of profit from the sale of its Racal stake.

Marks and Spencer continued to reflect the disappointing interim results and cheapened 1p more to 158p.

However, Mr Nick Bubb, analyst at Morgan Stanley, says although the increase in margins has started to level out in Britain, the group is well positioned and profit growth prospects look robust.

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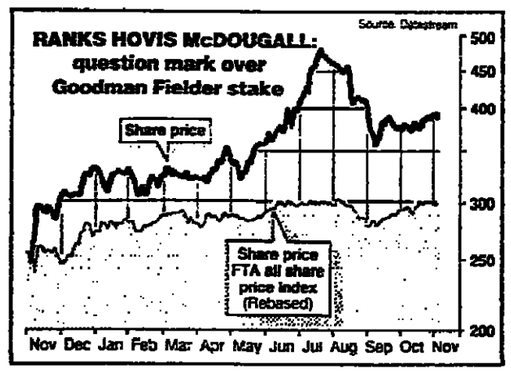

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 7	November 18	February 9	February 20

Call options were taken out on: 7/11/88 Allied Lyons, Trinoco, Health Care, Lonhro, Monument Oil & Gas, Coats Viyella, West Inds, Premier Consolidated, Transwood, Bryant Group, Boots, Cadburys, Wembley, Hambros Countrywide, BSR Intnl, Spong Holdings, Addison Consultancy, Buckley's Brewery.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Allid Lyon	420	56	72	–	8½	13	–
(*462)	460	29	46	56	23	29	42
	500	15	28	36	51	54	63
Bass	750	62	83	105	15	20	27
(*802)	800	30	52	75	37	40	47
	850	12	30	52	70	75	80
Brit Air	140	29	34	–	1½	4	–
(*167)	160	15	20	25	7	10	14
	180	4	10	13	19	22	26
Brit Con	220	32	40	47	4	7	9
(*246)	240	21	29	32	10	13	17
	260	8	17	22	20	23	28
Brit Gas	140	27⅝	28	32	1	2	3
(*164)	160	10½	12½	17½	3⅝	6⅛	7⅝
	180	2⅛	4⅝	8	16½	18	18½
BP	220	32	35	36	2	5	6
(*246)	240	15½	18	23	5⅝	13	13½
	260	5⅝	8⅛	14	16	25	26
Cons Gold	1100	145	180	–	40	60	–
(*1170)	1150	110	155	200	60	83	100
	1200	85	130	175	87	105	130
Courtauld	280	22	32	37	12	14	20
(*287)	300	12	21	27	23	24	31
	320	4½	11	15	44	43	51
Com Union	330	22	29	35	10	20	24
(*338)	360	7½	12	25	29	40	40
	390	2	8	–	57	65	–
C & W	360	42	55	–	8	13	–
(*388)	390	22	33	45	19	23	30
	420	10	20	32	38	42	48
GEC	140	36	38	–	1	2	–
(*172)	160	18	20	25	4	7	10
	180	5½	10	15	13	16	19
GKN	300	38	45	51	3⅝	11	14
(*328)	330	16	26	33	15	24	25
	360	6	11	20	36	44	45
Grand Met	420	38	43	55	7	15	18½
(*441)	454	18	24	–	23	33	–
	493	8	11	–	53	59	–
	542	1	4½	–	102	104	–
ICI	950	93	107	–	10	27	–
(*1012)	1000	58	72	–	23	47	–
	1050	30	47	–	48	75	–
	1100	16	28	50	90	107	110
Jaguar	240	38	46	55	5½	13	17
(*287)	260	24	32	45	12	21	27
	280	14⅝	22	35	23	33	38
	300	9	15	–	38	47	–
Land Sec	500	95	107	–	3½	8½	–
(*505)	550	52	67	77	8	14	22
	600	22	35	48	32	37	43
M & S	140	21	26	–	2	5	–
(*158)	160	7	12	16	8	11	14
	180	2	6	9½	24	28	31
R-Royce	120	18⅝	22	–	2½	4½	–
(*132)	130	9½	14	17	5½	8½	11
	140	4½	9	12	11½	13½	17
STC	260	31	35	–	6	10	–
(*279)	280	17	24	31	13	18	20
	300	8	15	21	25	30	33
Sainsbury	180	24	31	35	2½	4	7
(*200)	200	10	18	24	9	14	16
	220	4	10	14	23	25	27
Shell	950	55	73	88	20	43	45
(*968)	1000	28	44	63	43	67	73
	1050	14	25	43	83	106	107
Storehse	180	8	14	20	19	21	24
(*170)	200	4	7½	13	33	34	35
	220	2	4	8	52	52	53
Trafalgar	280	34	36	–	4	6	–
(*311)	300	18	23	26	13	14	20
	330	6	10	14	32	34	38
TSB	90	19	20	–	1	2	–
(*107)	100	11	12	–	2	4	–
	110	4	6	7½	6	8	8½
Utd Biec	280	23	34	39	14	18	23
(*291)	300	14	23	30	24	28	34
	330	6	14	19	46	48	53
Ultramar	235	20	28	–	12	18	–
(*234)	255	11	19	–	22	30	–
	275	5½	13	–	43	45	–
Woolworth	240	13	20	24	7	10	15
(*241)	260	7	12	16	21	24	25
	280	4	8	10	42	43	43

	Series	Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Glaxo	1050	45	87	–	30	48	–
(*1078)	1100	23	63	92	60	74	82
	1150	12	43	70	97	107	112
	1200	5	32	52	142	145	147
Hanson	130	21	22	–	1	2	–
(*150)	140	11½	14½	17	2	4⅝	5½
	160	1⅝	4½	7	15	15½	16
Hawker	500	52	72	82	4	10	15
(*546)	550	15	37	46	24	30	35
	600	5	12	23	65	68	73
Hillsdown	250	11	22	27	6	10	14
(*263)	290	2⅝	11	15	21	21	25
	300	½	5	–	38	39	–
Lonhro	380	73	85	99	5½	16	21
(*423)	390	52	66	81	13	27	31
	420	32	51	64	24	40	43
Midland	390	25	37	43	6	16	20
(*405)	420	8	20	28	19	33	35
	460	3	8	15	57	65	65
Sears	120	10½	18	21½	4	7½	10½
(*125)	130	6½	12	17	9	14½	16
	140	4	9	12	17	20	22
Tesco	130	9	14	16	4	7	8
(*132)	140	3	9	11	11	13	16
	160	1⅝	3	5	29	29	31
Thorn EMI	600	69	85	102	3	13	16
(*656)	650	27	46	65	14	25	37
	700	9	25	37	46	54	60
THF	240	34	41	50	3½	10	14
(*267)	280	20	26	38	9½	19	22
	290	10½	23	28	21	31	33
Unilever	420	62	75	82	2	5	9
(*478)	460	27	44	52	8½	15	20
	500	7½	22	33	32	36	40
Wellcome	460	15	33	48	23	29	33
(*451)	500	5	16	30	53	53	55
	550	1½	6½	16	100	100	100

	Series	Calls Nov	Jan	Mar	Puts Nov	Jan	Mar
Enterprise	600	20	40	55	45	56	60
(*573)	650	7	23	35	82	85	92
	700	3	12	22	130	132	135
RHM	360	23	30	–	6	13	–
(*376)	390	7	16	–	17	27	–
	420	2½	9	–	45	55	–

	Series	Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
BAA	265	15	–	–	2	–	–
(*277)	280	4½	14	23	6½	14	17
	300	1	6	13	24	27	30
Brit Aero	420	73	88	97	1⅝	5	10
(*490)	460	35	56	66	2½	12	22
	500	6½	31	43	15	25	40
	550	1	11½	19½	62	65	73
BAT Ind	420	37	52	60	1½	7	14
(*453)	460	7	27	34	14	22	30
	500	1	10½	17	46	50	55
Brit Tele	220	25	29	36	1	3½	5½
(*243)	240	7	14	23	3½	10	12
	260	1	6½	13	18	21	23
Cadbury	360	13	33	42	10	24	32
(*360)	390	4	21	30	35	44	49
	420	1½	11	19	62	63	68
Guinness	300	40	52	58	2	4	9
(*337)	330	12	26	36	5	13	20
	360	2	12	18	26	30	36
Ladbroke	390	55	66	–	1	3½	–
(*442)	420	26	44	53	2	9	12
	460	4½	20	27	20	27	30
LASMO	500	15	47	63	21	36	48
(*494)	550	4½	26	40	60	68	75
	600	2	15	25	110	113	115
Pilkington	200	24	29	35	2	5	7
(*222)	220	8	17	23	5	13	15
	240	3	9	13	20	24	27
Plessey	140	30	33	35	1	2½	4
(*168)	160	11	17	20	2	7	9
	180	2	8	11	13	18	20
P & O	500	77	90	100	2	6	10
(*572)	550	28	50	60	4	14	23
	600	4	23	32	32	38	48
Prudential	160	1½	9	12	8	11	15
(*154)	170	½	–	–	18	–	–
	180	½	4	6	28	28	29
Racal	300	3	15	24	21	29	34
(*281)	330	1	7	14	50	54	57
	360	½	3	8	80	83	86
RTZ	390	60	74	87	1	6	11
(*446)	420	32	54	67	3	13	20
	460	7	30	40	20	30	36
Vaal Reefs	60	11½	15	16	¾	3½	5
(*571)	70	4	7½	10	3½	8	10½
	80	1	4	5½	12	16	17½
Tr 12½	106	–	2⅛	–	–	1/32	–
1985	110	–	9/32	–	1⅛	1⅝	–
(*108)	112	1/16	⅜	–	3½	–	–
	114	1/16	1/8	–	–	–	–

FT-SE INDEX (*1819)

Series	Calls Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Puts Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb
1700	130	142	150	158	3	7	14	18
1750	84	101	110	120	6½	13½	22	30
1800	41	63	74	85	14	25	37	44
1850	15	32	45	58	38	48	59	70
1900	4	14	24	36	82	83	95	98
1950	1½	4	11	19	132	133	135	137
2000	½	–	–	–	182	–	–	–

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1	Beale (John)	Textiles	
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3	Shiloh	Industrials S-Z	
4	Anglia Sec	Building,Roads	
5	HTV Group	Leisure	
6	Bass (aa)	Breweries	
7	Hartwell Plc	Motors,Aircraft	
8	Beauford	Industrials A-D	
9	Hoskyns Gp	Electricals	
10	Addison Cons	Paper,Print,Adv	
11	MY Holdings	Industrials L-R	
12	Anglo Leasing	Banks,Discount	
13	Beacon Gp	Electricals	
14	Geers Gross	Paper,Print,Adv	
15	Ruberoid	Building,Roads	
16	Town Centre	Property	
17	Lec Refrigeration	Electricals	
18	Highland Distl	Breweries	
19	Control Secs	Property	
20	Bremner	Drapery,Stores	
21	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
22	Hunting Group	Industrials E-K	
23	Jerome (S)	Textiles	
24	Hanimex	Industrials E-K	
25	Daniels S	Foods	
26	Merlin Intl	Property	
27	Charter Cons	Industrials A-D	
28	Benlox	Industrials A-D	
29	Young (H)	Industrials S-Z	
30	Quicks Group	Motors,Aircraft	
31	Barrett (H)	Industrials A-D	
32	Mountleigh	Property	
33	Kelt Energy	Oil,Gas	
34	Aurora	Industrials A-D	
35	Cambridge Elec	Electricals	
36	Booker	Foods	
37	Sound Diffusion	Electricals	
38	Aus New Z	Banks,Discount	
39	ERF	Motors,Aircraft	
40	Blick	Electricals	
41	Whessoe	Industrials S-Z	
42	Clark (Matthew)	Breweries	
43	Wade Potteries	Industrials S-Z	
44	Arncliffe	Building,Roads	
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1988 High	Low	Stock		Price	Ch'ge	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)							
102½	98¾	Treas	11½% 1989	99⅝	..	11.5	11.826
102¼	99	Treas	10½% 1989	99⅞	●+⅛	10.5	11.823
102	98⅝	Exch	10% 1989	98⅞	..	10.1	11.882
104¾	94⅝	Exch	10½% 1989	99¼	●-⅛	10.3	10.989
103⅞	94⅝	Exch	11% 1989	99⅝	..	11.0	11.426
97½	92½	Treas	5% 1986-89	96	..	5.20	9.366
101½	94	Treas C	9½% 1989	99	..	9.5	11.626
97⅝	95⅝	Treas	3% 1989	97⅛	●..	3.0	8.865
102½	95⅝	Treas	8% 1990	98⅝	-⅛	8.1	8.985
107½	102½	Treas	13% 1990	102⅞	..	12.7	10.983
104⅜	100	Exch	11% 1990	100	..	11.0	10.929
107⅞	101½	Exch	12¼% 1990	101⅛	-⅛	12.2	11.001
93½	89⅜	Treas	3% 1990	91⅜	●..	3.2	8.835
99⅜	95⅝	Treas	8¼% 1987-90	96⅝	..	8.5	10.541
103⅛	93⅞	Treas	10% 1990	98⅞	-⅛	10.1	10.718
91⅝	87⅛	Exch	2½% 1990	89	●+⅛	2.8	8.529
105⅝	98⅝	Treas C	10% 1991	100	-⅛	9.8	9.892
107⅞	101⅝	Treas	11¾% 1991	102	-⅛	11.5	10.851
95⅛	87⅛	Fund	5¾% 1987-91	91⅛	..	6.2	9.675
107⅝	95⅝	Exch	11% 1991	101⅛	-⅛	10.8	10.445
90⅜	85⅝	Treas	3% 1991	87⅝	●..	3.41	8.501
98⅜	90⅜	Treas	8% 1991	93⅞	●-⅛	8.5	10.478
113⅝	105⅞	Treas	12¾% 1992	106⅞	-⅛	11.9	10.329
104⅝	96⅝	Treas	10% 1992	99	-⅛	10.0	10.329
108⅝	85⅝	Treas C	10½% 1992	100⅞	●-⅛	10.4	10.334
86⅜	82⅜	Treas	3% 1992	83⅞	●..	3.6	8.306
98⅝	86⅞	Treas	8% 1992	93⅞	-⅛	8.5	10.337
112⅝	104⅞	Exch	12¼% 1992	105⅝	-⅛	11.5	10.321
117⅞	108⅝	Exch	13½% 1992	109⅝	..	..	10.307
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS							
97⅝	91⅝	Treas	8¼% 1993	93⅝	-⅛	8.8	10.233
105⅝	93⅝	Treas	10% 1993	98⅞	-⅛	10.0	10.111
115⅝	107⅝	Treas	12½% 1993	108⅝	-⅛	11.5	10.138
93	87⅝	Fund	6% 1993	88	+⅛	6.8	9.055
121⅝	107⅝	Treas	13¾% 1993	114	●-⅛	12.0	10.139
101⅝	91⅝	Treas	8½% 1994	93⅝	-⅛	9.0	10.122
94⅝	92⅝	Treas	8½% 1994 a	93⅝	..	..	..
125⅝	115⅝	Treas	14½% 1994	117⅞	-⅛	12.2	10.047
116⅝	107⅝	Exch	12½% 1994	108⅝	-⅛	11.3	10.183
120⅝	105	Exch	13½% 1994	113⅞	-⅛	11.8	10.203
101⅝	91⅝	Treas	9% 1994	96	●-⅛	9.3	9.913
105⅝	95⅝	Treas	10% 1994	99⅝	●-⅛	10.0	10.016
114⅝	105⅝	Treas	12% 1995	108⅝	-⅛	11.0	10.119
83⅝	78⅝	Gas	3% 1990-95	80⅞	..	3.68	6.580
108⅝	98⅝	Exch	10¾% 1995	101⅞	-⅛	10.1	10.022
120⅝	107⅝	Treas	12¾% 1995	113⅞	●-⅛	11.2	10.015
126⅝	116⅝	Treas	14% 1996	119⅝	-⅛	11.7	10.105
101⅝	93⅝	Treas	9% 1992-96	98⅝	-⅛	9.3	9.717
133⅝	117⅝	Treas	15¼% 1996	126⅝	-⅛	12.0	10.083
123⅝	110⅝	Exch	13¼% 1996	117⅞	●-⅛	11.3	9.959
105⅝	95⅝	Conv	10% 1996	100⅞	●-⅛	9.9	9.887
124⅝	115	Treas	13¼% 1997	118⅝	-⅛	11.2	9.934
108⅝	97⅝	Exch	10½% 1997	103⅞	-⅛	10.1	9.870
96⅝	91⅝	Treas	8¾% 1997	94⅞	-⅛	9.2	9.686
134⅝	118⅝	Exch	15% 1997	128⅝	-⅛	11.8	10.093
87⅝	79⅝	Treas	6¾% 1995-98	84⅞	-⅛	8.0	9.346
104	96⅝	Exch	9¾% 1998	99⅝	-⅛	9.7	9.822
140⅝	124⅝	Treas	15½% 1998	134⅝	-⅛	11.6	9.991
118⅝	107	Exch	12% 1998	113⅞	●-⅛	10.5	9.890
103⅝	95⅝	Treas	9½% 1999	99⅝	-⅛	9.5	9.607
120⅝	111⅝	Exch	12¼% 1999	115⅝	-⅛	10.6	9.881
109⅝	99⅝	Treas	10½% 1999	104⅞	●-⅛	10.0	9.770
107⅝	98	Conv	10¼% 1999	103⅞	●-⅛	9.9	9.760
100⅝	88⅝	Treas	8½% 2000	92⅝	-⅛	9.1	9.554
126⅝	117⅝	Treas	13% 2000	121⅞	-⅛	10.7	9.891
99⅝	92⅝	Conv	9% 2000	96⅞	-⅛	9.3	9.556
105⅝	98⅝	Treas	10% 2001	102⅞	-⅛	9.7	9.685
104⅝	97⅝	Conv	9¾% 2001	100⅞	-⅛	9.6	9.630
129⅝	116⅝	Treas	14% 1998-01	123⅞	●-⅛	11.2	10.051
99⅝	91⅝	Exch	9% 2002	96⅝	●-⅛	9.3	9.503
107	94⅝	Conv	10% 2002	103⅞	-⅛	9.7	9.589
118⅝	109⅝	Exch	12% 1999-02	113	-⅛	10.6	9.895
105⅝	97⅝	Treas	9¾% 2002	101⅞	-⅛	9.8	9.573
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS							
108	100⅝	Treas	10% 2003	104⅝	-⅛	9.6	9.477
131⅝	122⅝	Treas	13¾% 2000-03	125⅝	-⅛	10.9	9.945
117⅝	108⅝	Treas	11½% 2001-04	112⅝	-⅛	10.2	9.754
108	100⅝	Treas	10% 2004	104⅝	●-⅛	9.5	9.406
59⅝	54⅝	Fund	3½% 1999-04	59	-⅛	5.9	8.169
104⅝	93⅝	Conv	9½% 2004	101⅝	-⅛	9.3	9.328
104⅝	93⅝	Conv	9½% 2005	101⅝	-⅛	9.3	9.302
113⅝	105⅝	Exch	10½% 2005	110⅝	-⅛	9.5	9.290
127⅝	116⅝	Treas	12½% 2003-05	123⅞	●-⅛	10.1	9.548
92	82⅝	Treas	8% 2002-06	89⅝	-⅛	8.9	9.191
108⅝	99⅝	Conv	9½% 2006	104⅝	●-⅛	9.3	9.244
121⅝	112⅝	Treas	11¾% 2003-07	116⅝	-⅛	10.0	9.534
97	89⅝	Treas	8½% 2007	94⅝	-⅛	8.9	9.090
137⅝	127⅝	Treas	13½% 2004-08	132⅝	-⅛	10.1	9.465
101⅝	91⅝	Treas	9% 2008	98⅝	-⅛	9.0	9.047
92⅝	85	Treas	8% 2009	90⅝	-⅛	8.8	9.013
101⅝	92⅝	Conv	9% 2011	100⅝	-⅛	8.9	8.949
68⅝	62⅝	Treas	5½% 2008-12	67⅝	-⅛	8.1	8.726
89⅝	82⅝	Treas	7¾% 2012-15	88⅝	-⅛	8.7	8.693
131⅝	121⅝	Exch	12% 2013-17	130⅝	●+⅛	9.2	8.963
UNDATED							
44⅝	41	Consols	4%	44⅝	..	8.9	—
40⅝	37⅝	War Ln	3½%	39⅝	●..	8.7	—
62⅝	48⅝	Conv	3½%	61⅝	..	5.6	—
33⅝	30⅝	Treas	3%	32⅝	..	8.0	—
28⅝	26⅝	Consols	2½%	27⅝	..	8.9	—
28⅝	26	Treas	2½%	27⅝	-⅛	8.9	—
INDEX-LINKED							
124⅝	117⅝	Treas IL	2% 1990	124⅝	-⅛		
105⅝	99	Treas IL	2% 1992	105⅝	-⅛		
96⅝	92⅝	Treas IL	2% 1994	96⅝	●-⅛		
142	127⅝	Treas IL	2% 1996	141⅝	-⅛		
121⅝	103⅝	Treas IL	2½% 2001	121⅝			
118⅝	101⅝	Treas IL	2½% 2003	118⅝	●		
120⅝	110	Treas IL	2% 2006	120⅝			
113	85⅝	Treas IL	2½% 2009	113	●		
117⅝	98⅝	Treas IL	2½% 2011	117⅝			
97⅝	82⅝	Treas IL	2½% 2013	97⅝	+⅛		
105⅝	88⅝	Treas IL	2½% 2016	105⅝			
103⅝	87⅝	Treas IL	2½% 2020	103⅝	+⅛		
87⅝	73	Treas IL	2½% 2024	87⅝	+⅛		

BANKS, DISCOUNT HP

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	188	Allied Irish	233	237	-9	..	..	..
214	155	Anglo Leasing	205	212	+2	5.3	2.5	11.0
90	64	Arbuthnot (Henry)	81	84	..	2.7	3.3	35.5
258	124	Aus New Z	252	258	+2	..	..	..
10⅝	5⅛	Banicamerica	101	..	-⅛	..	..	..
274	184	Bank of Ireland	233	237	-8	..	..	..
18⅛	16	Bank Leumi Isrl	18	19	..	..	..	..
350	346	Bank Leumi UK	340	360	..	16.8	4.8	11.5
389	334	Bank Of Scotland	353	357	-1	17.6	5.0	8.2
65	45	Bank Of Wales	58	65	..	3.7	6.0	8.9
463	302	Barclays (aa)	403	405	-5	27.9	6.9	19.9
38	25	Beneficial	27	30	●+1	2.2	7.6	18.6
435	330	Brown Shipley	343	353	-2	14.0	4.0	13.0
77	45	Bus Mortgage	48	58	-5	..	..	..
394	318	Cater Allen	345	355	..	30.0	8.6	12.0
71	54	Castles	58	64	..	3.7	6.1	11.9
270	175	Chancery	230	240	..	8.0	3.4	13.8
18⅛	11⅛	Chase Manhattan	1017⅛	..	●-⅛	..	..	..
15⅛	9⅛	Citicorp	14⅛	..	●-⅛	..	..	..
200	162	Close Bros	182	192	-3	6.7	3.6	17.8
81⅛	66⅛	Commerzbank	76⅛	..	-1⅛	..	..	..
178	114⅛	Deutsche Bank	162⅛	..	-2⅛	..	..	..
38	24	Equity & Gen	33	36	..	1.9	5.4	10.5
270	194	First Nat Finance	231	233	-1	12.3	5.3	7.5
74	49	GPG	50	52	..	3.5	6.7	8.7
340	265	Gerrard Nat	280	287	●..	6.0	2.1	15.4
129	90	Guinness Mahon	126	129	..	..	..	..
285	217	Hambros	250	254	-4	12.0	4.8	10.3
52	42	HK Shanghai	41	44	..	3.3	7.7	..
510	413	Joseph (Leopold)	500	515	-2	17.8	3.5	21.1
158	135	King & Shaxson	132	137	..	12.3	9.1	13.8
407	321	Kleinwort Benson	350	355	●-2	18.7	5.3	8.6
342⅛	238	Lloyds (aa)	330	332	-4	18.8	5.7	..
57	45	Lon Scot Bk	44	47	-1	2.5	5.4	11.9
448	370	Mercury (aa)	404	406	-4	28.0	6.9	..
354	239	Morgan Grenfell	320	325	..	14.5	4.5	30.2
331	145	Nat Aust Bk	303	307	+4	..	..	..
615	522	Nat West (aa)	530	533	-8	33.7	6.3	9.3
369	308	Provident	330	335	●..	23.3	7.0	9.1

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
111	30	Rea Bros	70	75	..	0.3	0.4	..
163	94	Rothschild (J) Hld	154	157	..	10.7	6.9	6.2
380	297	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	334	335	-8½	17.9	5.4	6.5
18	850	Schroders	875	925	+5	22.0	2.4	11.3
526	372	Stand Chart (aa)	473	477	r -6	46.7	9.8	..
118½	98	TSB (aa)	106	108	-1	6.6	6.2	7.2
595	403	Union Disc	502	510	-3	38.4	7.6	11.4
355	276	Warburg SG	317	322	-2	15.3	4.8	8.6
133	85	Do 6% 'A'	109	112	..	8.0	7.2	..
40½	23	Wells Fargo	38⅝	..	+¼	..	..	..
458	443	Wintrust	445	460	..	9.3	2.1	16.7

BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
499	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	451	453	-5	17.3	3.7	13.8
867	734	Bass (aa)	800	805	+2	26.9	3.3	12.0
66	44	Belhaven	48	50	●-1	1.0	2.0	19.1
175	127	Boddington	162	165	..	5.4	3.3	17.0
207	129	Buckleys	145	155	..	0.9	0.6	..
195	147	Bulmer (H P)	158	163	..	8.7	5.4	10.8
191	120	Burtonwood Brew	185	195	-1	4.3	2.3	23.4
390	332	Clark (Matthew)	380	390	+2	14.7	3.8	10.6
371	292	Devenish (JA)	310	317	..	4.0	1.3	27.6
290	176	Greenall Whitley	253	267	-8	8.3	3.1	15.1
494	433	Greene King	445	452	..	9.9	2.2	19.9
357	271	Guinness (aa)	336	338	-4	12.9	3.8	11.1
795	690	Hardys & Hansons	785	805	..	30.0	3.8	14.8
130	76	Highland Dist	119	122	+1	3.8	3.1	18.9
415	168	Invergordon Dist	400	405	..	8.3	2.1	24.4
440	125	Irish Dist	402	412	-1	..	..	..
167	110	Marston Thompson	163	167	..	3.9	2.4	18.5
683	464	Morland	630	675	..	10.9	1.7	25.8
368	250	SA Breweries	255	275	..	..	..	..
411	206	Scot & New (aa)	399	402	..	12.2	3.0	19.8
721	479	Vaux Group	693	700	..	21.6b	3.1	21.3
317	268	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	299	302	-1	14.1	4.7	11.2
700	324	Do B	600	700	..	14.1	2.2	24.2
420	296	Whitbread Inv	408	415	-3	12.3	3.0	43.7
441	351	Wolvrhmptn & D	437	443	..	8.2	1.9	18.7
530	345	Young A	500	520	..	12.3	2.4	29.8

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DRAPERY, STORES

ELECTRICALS

FINANCE, LAND

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UNLISTED SECURITIES

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THIRD MARKET

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was same at 76.7 (day's range 76.6-76.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for November 7

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.7655-1.7755	1.7745-1.7755	0.51-0.49pr	1.49-1.46pr
Montrl	2.1568-2.1963	2.1924-2.1963	0.34-0.18pr	0.58-0.39pr
Amstrdm	3.5665-3.5830	3.5694-3.5732	2-1⅞pr	6-5⅜pr
Brussels	65.24-66.58	66.31-66.53	32-20pr	89-74pr
Copnhgn	12.1818-12.2342	12.2022-12.2136	4⅜-3⅞pr	13⅛-12⅛pr
Dublin	1.1831-1.1862	1.1834-1.1844	43-36pr	129-117pr
Frankft	3.1626-3.1728	3.1639-3.1675	4⅜-3⅛pr	13⅛-12⅛pr
Lisbon	261.87-263.66	262.17-263.20	7-27ds	21-120ds
Madrid	208.09-209.52	208.39-208.85	33-16pr	49-27pr
Milan	2351.21-2358.97	2351.21-2354.31	3-1pr	6-3pr
Oslo	11.7667-11.8304	11.7913-11.8068	par-⅝ds	⅝-1⅞ds
Paris	10.7898-10.8200	10.8018-10.8132	3⅞-3⅜pr	11⅛-10⅛pr
Stckhlm	10.9523-11.0054	10.9903-11.0000	1⅝-1⅛pr	4⅞-3⅞pr
Tokyo	220.81-221.91	221.17-221.47	1⅝-1⅜pr	4⅝-4⅛pr
Vienna	22.21-22.35	22.28-22.31	11⅞-11pr	36-33⅞pr
Zurich	2.6498-2.6570	2.6501-2.6533	1⅞-1⅝pr	5⅞-5⅛pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	26.7500-26.9150
Australia dollar	2.1374-2.1413
Bahrain dinar	0.6645-0.6685
Brazil cruzado*	856.30-861.04
Cyprus pound	0.8230-0.8330
Finland marka	7.4425-7.4825
Greece drachma	258.75-260.75
Hong Kong dollar	13.8506-13.8603
India rupee	26.46-26.68
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4940-0.4980
Malaysia ringgit	4.7605-4.7650
Mexico peso	3950-4050
New Zealand dollar	2.8436-2.8498
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.6075-6.6475
Singapore dollar	3.5003-3.5044
S Africa rand (fin)	7.0840-7.2227
S Africa rand (com)	4.3473-4.3552
U A E dirham	6.47-6.51

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4955-1.4970	Denmark	6.8820-6.8870	Italy	1326.0-1327.0
Singapore	1.9745-1.9755	W Germany	1.7850-1.7860	Belgium (Com)	37.41-37.44
Malaysia	2.6850-2.6860	Switzerland	1.4963-1.4970	Hong Kong	7.8120-7.8130
Australia	1.2048-1.2062	Netherlands	2.0140-2.0150	Portugal	147.80-148.30
Canada	1.2340-1.2350	France	6.0900-6.0950	Spain	117.72-117.82
Sweden	6.1830-6.1880	Japan	124.73-124.83	Austria	12.56-12.57
Norway	6.6490-6.6540				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 12 Finance Hse 12½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 12 Low 11½ Week fixed: 11½
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 11²¹⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 11²¹⁄₃₂
Selling: 2 mth – 11¹⁹⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 11¹⁹⁄₃₂
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 11¾-11²³⁄₃₂ 2 mth: 11²³⁄₃₂-11⅝ 3 mth: 11¹¹⁄₁₆-11⅝ 6 mth 11⁷⁄₁₆-⅜
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 12⅛ 2 mth: 12⅛ 3 mth: 12⅛ 6 mth 12¹⁄₁₆
Interbank (%): Overnight: open 12⅝ close 12
1 week: 12⁵⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆ 1 mth: 12⁵⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 12⁵⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆
6 mth: 12⁵⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 12⁵⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆ 12 mth: 12⅜-12
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 11⅞ 7 day: 11⅞ 1 mth: 11¹⁵⁄₁₆
3 mth: 12⅛ 6 mth: 12⅛ 12 mth: 12
Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 12⅜-12 2 mth: 12⅜-12 3 mth: 12⅜-12
6 mth: 12⅜-12 9 mth: 12⅜-11⅞ 12 mth: 12¹⁄₁₆-11⅞
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 11²¹⁄₃₂-²⁹⁄₃₂
3 mth: 12⅛-12 6 mth: 12⅛-12 12 mth 11¹³⁄₁₆-11⅞
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.40-8.35
3 mth: 8.70-8.65 6 mth: 8.70-8.65 12 mth 8.70-8.65

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 31, 1988. Agreed rates Nov 26, 1988 to Dec 25, 1988. Scheme I: 13.07 per cent. Schemes II & III: 13.27 per cent. Reference rate Oct 1, 1988 to Oct 31, 1988. Scheme IV & V: 12.035 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8⁵⁄₁₆-8¹⁄₁₆	8⅜-8⅞	8⅞-8¾	8⅞-8¾
Call: 8⅛-7⅞				
Deutschemark:	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4¹³⁄₁₆	4¹⁵⁄₁₆-4¹³⁄₁₆	5⅛-4¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅛-4¹⁵⁄₁₆
Call: 4⅛-3⅞				
French Franc:	7¾-7⅝	7¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	8⅛-8	8⁵⁄₁₆-8³⁄₁₆
Call: 7⅛-6⅞				
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4	4⅜-4	4⅛-4⅜	4⅛-4⅜
Call: 3-2				
Yen:	4⅛-4⅞	4⁵⁄₁₆-4³⁄₁₆	4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆	4⁹⁄₁₆-4⁷⁄₁₆
Call: 3⅛-2⅞				

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $422.00-422.50 Close: $420.75-421.25
High: $422.25-422.75 Low: $420.00-420.50

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $433.00-438.00 (£244.00-247.00)
Krugerrand: $420.00-423.00 (£236.50-238.50)
Mapleleaf (1/1oz): $433.00-438.00 (£244.00-247.00)
American Eagles: $433.00-438.00 (£244.00-247.00)
New Sovereigns: $99.00-100.00 (£55.75-56.50)
Old Sovereigns: $99.00-100.00 (£55.75-56.50)
Platinum: $579.25 (£326.70)
Palladium: $125.00 (£70.50)
Silver: $6.44-6.48 (£3.630-3.645)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 14136		
Dec 88	183.55	183.80	182.80	183.80	1527
Mar 89	NT	—	—	185.80	0
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 48650		
Dec 88	87.81	87.82	87.77	87.82	5020
Mar 89	88.15	88.17	88.13	88.15	3516
Jun 89	88.60	88.67	88.60	88.65	477
Sep 89	88.89	88.97	88.89	88.98	188
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 31528		
Dec 88	91.20	91.20	91.15	91.16	3237
Mar 89	91.37	91.38	91.31	91.32	1823
Jun 89	91.30	91.31	91.26	91.28	392
Sep 89	91.20	91.21	91.18	91.16	368

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 13305		
Dec 88	89-18	89-21	89-10	89-13	7828
Mar 89	89-03	89-03	88-29	88-28	1
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 34295		
Dec 88	96-24	96-26	96-17	96-20	13183
Mar 89	97-07	97-07	97-03	97-04	313
Jun 89	NT	—	—	—	0
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 885		
Dec 88	106.05	106.35	105.05	106.35	456
Mar 89	NT	—	—	105.35	0
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 6478		
Dec 88	97.40	97.42	97.11	97.18	5678
Mar 89	96.81	96.81	96.70	96.60	61

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

Crude prices firmed by about 10 cents in the Far East and European morning, but later eased back in thin and directionless activity. With the exception of gasoline, products prices stagnated with little trade concluded.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	12.75	+5
15 day Nov	12.75	
15 day Dec	13.00	+5
WTI Dec	14.05	
WTI Jan	14.00	+10

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15	+2	179-182	+2
Gasoil EEC		128-130	
Non 1H Nov		124-125	
Non 1H Dec		123-124	
3.5 Fuel Oil	-1	60-62	-1
Naphtha		131-133	

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL G W Joynson

Nov	124.50-24.25
Dec	124.00-23.75
Jan	122.75-22.50
Feb	121.50-21.00
Mar	117.50-17.00
Apr	115.00-14.50
May	114.75-14.25
Vol	6980

BRENT G W Joynson

Dec	12.99-12.96
Jan	13.08-13.07
Vol	2933

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

Nov 88	Hi 1461-1450 Low	Close 1457
Dec 88	Hi 1485-1470 Low	Close 1479
Jan 89	Hi 1499-1485 Low	Close 1494
Apr 89	Hi 1535-1525 Low	Close 1533
Vol 257 lots		Open interest 2720

Dry cargo index 1410 up 12 on 4/11/88

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	52.50	44.50
Feb	67.50	68.50
Apr	94.30	94.00
May	106.00	105.10
		Vol 56

LONDON FOX

COCOA G W Joynson

Dec 852-847	Sep 854-850
Mar 845-844	Dec 889-885
May 845-840	Mar 903-900
Jul 842-840	Vol 7924

COFFEE G W Joynson

Nov 1082-1080	Jul 1118-1115
Jan 1102-1100	Sep 1124-1115
Mar 1115-1108	Nov 1125-1115
May 1113-1111	Vol 795

SUGAR C Czarnikow
FOB Vol: 2088

Dec 241.0-37.6	Aug 220.4-20.0
Mar 230.4-30.2	Oct 217.0-16.0
May 224.6-24.0	Dec 216.0-10.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 46
Nv 108.30 Ja 111.65 Mr 114.85
My 117.80 Jn 119.40 Sp 102.80

BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 85
Nv 104.15 Ja 107.65 Mr 110.85
My 112.50 Sp 99.40 Nv 102.30

SOYABEAN

Dec 171.0-70.0	Aug 163.0-60.0
Feb 177.0-76.5	Oct 164.0-60.0
Apr 176.5-75.5	Dec 160.0-50.0
Jun 168.0-64.0	Vol 35

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1805.0-1807.0	1617.0-1619.0	335225	Irregular
Copper Stand	1700.0-1720.0	1640.0-1660.0	Nil	Quiet
Lead	374.00-375.00	373.50-374.00	49375	Firmer
Zinc Hi Gde*	1480.0-1485.0	1394.0-1396.0	68100	Steady
Silver Large†	637.00-638.00	651.00-654.00	4	Quiet
Silver Small†	637.00-639.00	651.00-654.00	Nil	Quiet
Aluminium	1382.0-1384.0	1315.0-1325.0	113050	Quiet
Aluminium Hi*	2475.0-2480.0	2335.0-2338.0	113775	Ertly/Stdy
Nickel*	11900-12000	10600-10800	6354	Easier

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)
Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	95.3	95.3
Feb	92.5	92.5
Apr	96.5	96.5
Jun	98.5	98.5

Live Cattle Contract

Nov	unq.	115.5
Jan	unq.	117.0
Feb	unq.	117.5

Vol Pig-19 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on November 7

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	78.80	172.95	113.07
GB (+/–)	+5.48	+16.94	+2.61
Eng/Wal (%)	-2.4	+16.8	+4.8
Eng/Wal (p)	78.91	173.82	112.84
Eng/Wal (+/–)	+5.57	+17.77	+2.74
Scotland (%)	—	+3.9	+11.3
Scotland (p)	69.27	168.50	114.94
Scotland (+/–)	-1.73	+12.65	+1.26

* Estimated dead carcase weight

TECHNOLOGY

Magnetic engine attracts Japanese

From Joe Joseph in Tokyo

Japan is hoping to win the race to launch the world's first ship to be powered by superconducting engines instead of propellers.

A prototype is being built in the shipyards of Mitsubishi. If its test run in 1990 is a success, work will be stepped up on building a seaworthy model that will be capable of shrinking the time it takes to cross the world's oceans.

An encouraging performance by the 150-ton demonstration vessel would also show that Japan is pulling ahead of the rest of the world in the race to find applications for superconductivity, which, after years in the doldrums, is now back in vogue.

The United States, anxious not to be left behind in such a high- technology field with key military applications, is pushing ahead with its own research programme and watching Japan's progress closely.

Instead of a propeller, the Japanese ship is to be driven by electro-magnetic hydraulic force generated by the interaction of a magnetic field created by a superconductive

Protection necessary for people on board

coil and an electric current caused to flow through the sea water.

The essential difference between a conventional ship and a ship using an electromagnetic thruster with superconducting magnets is that the former converts the source energy into mechanical energy to drive a propeller that thrusts water backwards and thereby drives the ship forwards through the water.

The latter uses electrical energy which is converted into an electro-magnetic force that directly pushes the water backwards to propel the ship forwards.

Lightweight but powerful superconductive electro-magnets are needed. Toshiba designed and made the superconducting coil used for the first prototype that was tested successfully a year ago.

Toshiba engineers used niobium titanium alloy as the superconducting material, which achieved superconductivity at minus 269°C with liquid helium used as a coolant.

The model boat — measuring about 6ft x 1ft — ejected seawater at about 4 mph.

A full-size ship would present engineers with far more problems than any model, however.

For example, ways of protecting crew and passengers from the intensely high magnetic fields generated by the motor would have to be found.

Matthew May on the video cameras that take still pictures

Cheaper no-film 'snaps' with improved quality

Ever since the introduction of the first still video camera in 1981 by Sony serious photographers have always dismissed them as a potential replacement for conventional film-based cameras.

No-film electronic cameras, it is argued, are too expensive, and any cheap enough for domestic use will produce images of an unacceptably lower quality than conventional colour prints.

But that thinking is starting to change as the electronic cameras which use a 2-inch floppy disc that can store around 50 colour pictures are fast dropping in price, and quality is slowly improving.

A new generation of cheaper electronic cameras are to be aimed at the serious amateur by several Japanese firms in the hope that they will want to join the move towards the electronic darkroom which bypassess the need for chemical processing.

Next month, Sony will release a model in Japan which will become the cheapest at around 70,000 yen (£300).

It is expected to be launched in Europe next summer, but the camera also needs a playback machine which adds a further £130 to the cost.

A version by Canon, the RC 250, includes the playback unit in the camera and is already on sale in the United States and Japan. It will be launched in Britain next summer at around £500.

Still video cameras have the advantage that costly film and developing charges are not required, so countless pictures can be taken as the discs are reusable.

There is no waiting either, say the manufacturers. Images can be played back instantly

Instant electronic camera from Canon, to be launched in the UK next summer at a retail cost of about £500

and altered — enlarging or cropping, for example — and displayed on an ordinary colour television.

With the right equipment the images can also be transmitted over telephone lines.

But for those who wish to do more than view their snapshots on a television screen and take printed copies, colour printers are still expensive at over £1,000.

Manufacturers are hoping that if the market takes off traditional photo-developing shops or others will buy video printers and offer a printing service for the discs where the customer can select which images they want printed out and have them immediately.

This is liable to be helped by the emergence of a standard for the discs, and the seriousness with which manufacturers are taking it is indicated by the fact that more that 40 electronics and photographic firms signed an agreement, known as Hi-Band, earlier this year to ensure their electronic discs would be compatible with each other.

A mass market for the cameras is not expected, however, until prices drop below £200 and the picture quality improves further to rival 35 millimetre film.

The quality of electronic photographs is measured in pixels; high quality conventional prints are said to have a resolution equivalent to up to 3 million pixels and though computer chips exist that can handle resolutions of more than 2,000,000, the cheaper versions have a resolution of around 380,000 pixels.

Predictions are that the pixel rate should improve dramatically at the cheaper end of the market over the next few years — and Japanese consumer electronics products have a habit of taking off sooner than expected.

Sophisticated electronic still cameras have been in use for some time for specialist purposes such as photo-journalism where the high costs of several thousand pounds can be justified.

Kodak, for example, has a $20,000 (£11,350) camera with a resolution of 1.4 million pixels — fine for newspaper use — and Canon also do a full system for publishing use, but it costs nearly £40,000.

The ability to change the image extensively before publication is one of the appeals though this has called into question how much alteration is alowed before it becomes tampering.

Kodak also has a system designed to link in with conventional film cameras for professional portrait photographers. It allows the photographer and subject to see an instant elctronic version of the planned picture on a TV monitor and make adjustments.

Other Japanese companies are also to produce consumer versions of their cameras at prices from £600 to £860 and include Konica, Casio, Fuji Photo Film and Matsushita Electric.

Fuji are developing a version that does not use a magnetic disc to store the image but a computer chip memory which, it says, improves reliablity as there are fewer moving parts.

The present chip can hold only five images, though a chip with a 40-picture capacity is under development.

PERSPECTIVE

Beware of using your keyboard as an alibi

To the archetypal manager who does nothing all day except sit behind a big desk surrounded by executive toys, looking busy, the personal computer provides an ideal excuse.

Sitting behind a workstation tapping away at the keyboard can be a very good way of looking busy without actually doing much work. This may be an extreme example, but in my experience there are many managers who use their personal computers to do mundane tasks that could be delegated to other staff — like sending long memos on an electronic mail system.

As many managers are not good at using keyboards this can be very time consuming. The only messages I ever type into our office electronic mail system are "yes" or "no" in repsonse to other people's memos. After all, the role of managers is to manage, not to spend hours sitting in front of a computer screen. There is a danger of some managers becoming so wrapped up in technology that they lose sight of the job they are meant to be doing.

They may be producing lots of statistics, but at the end of the day you have to ask whether they have achieved what they set out to. In many cases the technology can become an excuse for people to put off more important tasks that they dislike doing — such as placating a difficult customer.

If you are a sales director, for example, you should be spending most of your time with customers instead of a computer. People have to recognize that technology should not rule their working life. It is the responsibility of senior managers in an organisation to

By Brian Gifford

● The only words I type into our electronic mail system are Yes or No in response to people's memos. After all, the manager's role is to manage, not to spend hours sitting at a computer screen ●

make sure that their staff are aware of how to use computers to help with their particular job functions.

In the 1970s data processing departments ate up enormous investments and gave back debatable returns. By and large they did not understand how the busines they worked for ran and how technology could fit in with that.

The computer industry, as well as the data processing department, has been guilty of selling the idea that computers are the panacea to all ills. In the past, companies have been told computers are good for them but not what the tangible benefits are.

The government, the trade unions and the Confederation of British Industry all have a role to play in getting this message across. One of the most important roles of the government in this is to set an example as a computer user — a role potentially more valuable than setting up national programmes.

There is still a long way to go. I would estimate that only around 15 per cent of managers use information technology at all, and that of those, 70 per cent are getting it wrong. But I am not despondent about that 70 per cent, because many of them are learning from their mistakes and perhaps when the next 15 per cent come on stream they will learn from colleagues' mistakes.

As 1992 approaches, it is more and more important for companies to learn to use information technology effectively at all management levels. 1992 is about competition and the effective use of infromation technology is an important tool to compete with.

Since Big Bang, London has developed a reputation as an international financial centre. Now we have the opportunity to build up the same reputation in Europe with other sectors. Britain is neither behind nor ahead of other European countries in its use of information technology, but we could be in trouble if we do not respond to the challenge of 1992 by learning how to use it properly.

Meanwhile, there are some managers who would be better off throwing their PCs out of the window and getting on with their real job.

The author is managing director of Datapoint UK, a company which specializes in office automation and computer networks

Battle for supremacy over the minicomputer

By Geof Wheelwright

New methods of expanding personal computers are making them more powerful, and in doing so challenge the supremacy of the minicomputer in the middle end of the computer market.

Anyone wanting to take advantage of this however, is going to face a decision about which method of expansion they should use.

At the moment, there are two major contenders — IBM's MCA or Micro Channel Architecture — the expansion system announced last year for its Personal System/2 range and the ISA or Industry Standard Architecture used by all its major competitors.

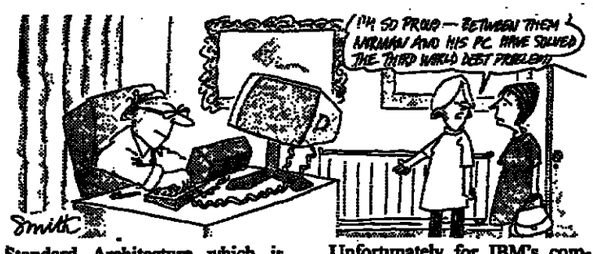
At present, the latter is inferior in its potential to that of IBM's MCA. Companies wishing to use MCA must get a licence from IBM and so far few have signed up particularly as IBM has said it wants to charge back royalties on previous sales of IBM compatibles as a condition of allowing the use of MCA.

Last week Taiwanese computer manufacturer, Mitac International, announced it had signed a three year patent licence agreement with IBM to include MCA.

As part of the deal Mitac has agreed to pay the controversial back royalties at a rate of 1 per cent on prior sales of it's IBM compatible computers curently selling at a rate of about 200,000 units per year.

It will also have to pay future royalties currently 2 per cent for sales in Europe and 3 per cent for those in the US.

A consortium of nine of IBM's major competitors, however, recently announced something they call EISA or Extended Industry



Standard Architecture which is designed to be compatible with the existing IBM AT expansion system and will allow computer users to use all their existing add-in expansion devices.

EISA machines will be able to hold new, higher-powered expansion devices that will allow personal computers of the future to possess the computer memory and storage potential required to displace minicomputers.

Unfortunately for IBM's competition, however, machines that use MCA are available now and those that employ EISA are not expected to hit the market until late next year.

Despite this, proponents of EISA stress that their machines are not designed to replace the desktop computers of today, but instead hold the potential to supplant minicomputers with systems that will cost only £7,000 to £9,000.

According to Jim D'Arezzo, international marketing vice-president of EISA backer Compaq, people will be willing to wait for EISA because IBM's MCA has not taken off in the way that IBM had hoped.

"We've said all along that it would be the market, not IBM, that would decide the future direction of the PC industry and the market has ruled in favour of compatibility" he claimed.

To back up this assertion, Mr D'Arezzo quoted recent Dataquest research which estimates that the installed base of business PCs would reach 36.4 million in 1988 - with IBM's MCA machines accounting for only 2 million and even Apple's non-compatible Macintosh would have a more significant 4.6 million.

He also said that the estimate showed that IBM's share of the worldwide business personal computer market had dwindled from a high of 73 per cent in 1983 to its current low of 20 per cent. Mr D'Arezzo attributes much of this decline to IBM's decision to use MCA.

Not surprisingly, IBM sees things differently. According to IBM UK's group director of workstations, Brian Uttley, it believes that MCA's strengths will show through in the long term. He stressed that by the time the EISA expansion system is available, MCA will have evolved to be even more powerful than it is now. "We will be able to support additional performance and features that are not contained in the machines as available today," he said. MCA has an open structure which allows it to evolve without 'obsoleting' what has gone before."

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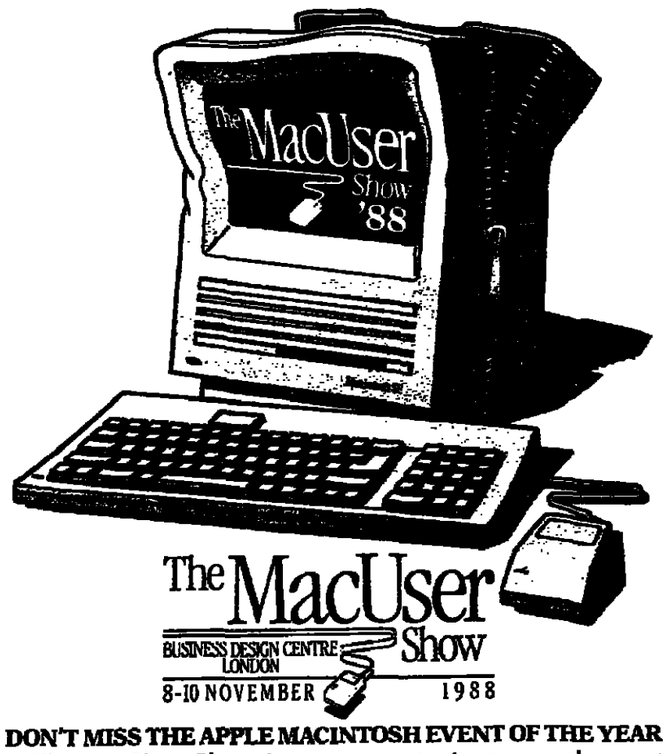

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Vacancies suggest an industry shortfall

SALARIES

By Sean Hallahan

There are 30,000 job vacancies in the information technology industry despite the fact that last year 12,000 newcomers joined the field.

The figures come from the annual salary survey carried out on behalf of the *Computer Users Year Book*, the information technology industry bible which details the business from suppliers to installation.

The survey claims that there is a particular shortfall of development and technical staff. The supply of development staff fell short by 17 per cent, while technical staff showed a shortfall of over 12 per cent.

Many companies, particularly the larger ones, are still heavily expanding their use of computers and the lack of development and support staff may well blunt the competitive edge of many enterprises.

Vacancies for senior management posts fall well below the 5 per cent norm, at 2.5 per cent but the report warns that it would be wrong to "assume that DP management is in low demand — particularly experienced management."

It says the true number of vacancies may be masked by internal promotions and show up in as vacancies in other job categories.

The demand for technical and support staff is reflected in the increased salary ranges shown in these categories which in some cases show them earning as much as their nominal managers.

Management median salaries span a short range. Chief programmers average £16,900 while data processing managers can command £19,500.

In installations employing over 25 people, 22 per cent of the staff increased their salaries 'up to' a common amount as the reason."

	Median salaries	Total number employed	Total number of vacancies
Data processing manager	19,500	22,828	321
Chief systems analyst	19,500	10,075	438
Chief programmer	16,900	2,951	0
Chief analyst/programmer	17,000	6,522	221
Computer services man.	18,200	2,797	33
Communications manager	17,600	1,124	67
Senior systems analyst	17,500	10,931	2,066
Systems analyst	14,300	14,174	2,562
Senior programmer	14,800	10,651	2,012
Programmer	10,300	25,646	4,453
Junior programmer	8,400	9,921	2,009
Snr analyst programmer	15,200	7,673	933
Analyst programmer	12200	21329	3874

Source: CUYB salary survey

The report by the SSP/*Computer Weekly* cites "the aries by between 10-12.5 per cent during 1988. In sites employing less than 10 people only 15 per cent recorded increases in this range.

Contract staff too can look forward to continued employment. In last year's survey many installations said that they planned to decrease the number of contractors employed in favour of full time staff.

But this year's survey shows that these changes have not taken place with 8 per cent of installations planning to increase their use of contract staff and the same percentage planning to decrease contractors.

In another survey released last week it was claimed that advertised salaries for jobs in the computing industry are usually 20-30 per cent above the actual salaries given. common practice of offering

It looks at the 20,000 computer vacancies that were advertised between July and September and says it shows an overall growth in employer demand.

But salaries are said to have risen by an average of only 5 to 7 per cent in the past year, little more than the inflation rate though management positions are attracting double the rise with average increases from 12.7 per cent to 15.3 per cent.

● *The Computer Users Year Book salary survey is published by VNU Business Publications, (01-439 4242). Cost: £95.*

● *The SSP/Computer Weekly survey of recruitment data and trends is published by Reed Business Publishing (01 661 3123) and costs £140 per year for four issues.*

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The specialist's era

Leslie Tilley on how business experience is coming into its own

Companies are increasingly distributing their computing to users instead of having a large centralized computer department while others are deciding to concentrate on their core business and handing more and more of their computing over to specialist firms.

All this is good news for people wishing to move into this lucrative industry and the Computing Services Association's (CSA) 300 member firms. The high growth is forcing these firms to take a hard look at their employment practices.

The total staff employed by the computer services industry is estimated to be 70,000 and growing, while revenue was over £2 billion last year.

The CSA reports that the number of its employees in the UK has almost doubled in the past six years and is expected to do the same again — but in a shorter time.

And there is the skills crisis and the declining number of school leavers to add to their problems.

"The output of science graduates in the UK is declining — but demand for them is growing. We have to think of other ways around the problem," said Ian Townsend, chairman of the CSA's personnel managers group.

"But there is a great gap between understanding the skills shortage and doing something about it. And the people doing the hiring now have no choice but to look at different ways of filling the gap, so pragmatism is changing the mix of staff who are hired.

"If you had asked me a few years ago to describe our ideal employee it would have been easy. But I couldn't now. Before, technical expertise was very important, so we only considered recruiting the traditional disciplines — programmers, systems analysts and systems designers. But now the industry is moving from a technical to a marketing and business emphasis."

The development of supporting end users, instead of dealing only with the data processing manager, has grown and there are far more opportunities for market sector or applications specialists, such as those who understand the oil or manufacturing business.

Teachers of mathematics, science and physics are also sought as they make good trainers and this service accounted for £58 million in revenue last year.

In an attempt to increase the number of people joining computing services the CSA has set up a body to oversee the training of new entrants — the Computing Services Industry Training Council (Cosit)based in London.

In its booklet, *The facts about the computing services industry*, the CSA says: "As computers move out of computer departments and become part of everybody's lives there will be a growing demand for those with the skills to provide the link between computing, areas of application and people; arts graduates often have such skills."

JOBSCENE

Mr Townsend is also personnel manager of SD-Scicon which employs more than 1,000 people and is the largest computer services firm in the UK.

"In my company we monitor our performance of attracting new staff by age, sex and ethnic origin to check there is no bias. Although it is unusual more companies are starting to do it and it is becoming part of the recruitment methodology.

"We have found no sign of discrimination of any sort in those doing the hiring. But the most difficult area is age, as there is no provision in law to stop companies discriminating.

"Many companies state an age in job advertisements, which is wrong — it is business experience that counts," he says. He added that the CSA has outlawed this practice.

"The average age of employees is 30 but it is creeping up slowly. Computer services companies increasingly recruit people who were perhaps involved in the introduction of computers into their own field.

"The more senior they are the greater are their business skills. We couldn't run the business without them," he added.

Mr Townsend said there are opportunities for non-graduates. "Qualifications is a key that opens the door but individual companies are are also looking for self-starters to develop, although they need to be reasonably educated."

More than 30 per cent of the CSA's revenue is derived from writing software, so programmers and analysts are in great demand. And as Mr Ewan said: "You don't need to be a graduate to write code; it's actually quite boring. But it is still a craft."

Ian Townsend: "People doing the hiring now have no choice but to look at different ways of filling the gap."

A belief in the future

By Sue Jelley

Information technology pundits are renowned for the jargon littered in their wake and the myriad of titles, and acronyms that ensue. A recent seminar on "Information Resource Management", or IRM, seemed to follow the general rules of the game.

While the general fashion is to streamline companies, using IRM can involve the creation of a new function or department which means more money and, on the face of it, more bureaucracy.

Brian Watson is a consultant with the organizers of the seminar, DCE Information Management, and admits the concept is not particularly new. What makes it a real possibility today, he argues, is the sophisticated systems development tools available.

Data management describes a similar idea but whereas it starts at the application program level, IRM tackles the problem of information handling from the business and down.

It is based on the belief that business and systems analysis is the way of the future.

In 10 years, Mr Watson says, applications programmers, will virtually be an extinct breed. He predicts IRM managers will emerge to manage a department encompassing data administration, database administration and data dictionaries.

Although the concept of IRM and its "intelligent information sharing" should encompass the total organization, initially Mr Watson sees the IRM department, or function, as a bridgehead between data processing and the business.

But what about the costs? Full implementation involves an increase in both systems development and data and data dictionary administration, which he admits will amount to around five per cent.

But he claims companies can make significant savings elsewhere. "The fact that it makes information available to different functional groups will gradually make massive savings in terms of non-redundant data and non-redundant systems."

Bernhard Jeltema is an information planner from IBM who recently illustrated savings from co-ordinated IRM information planning techniques at a conference in the US.

IBM, he said, applied new business planning methods to 13 of its US factories which had each built up a separate bill of materials systems. As a result of "co-ordination" the company has thrown out 55 per cent of redundant code leading to massive savings on systems maintenance alone.

Hawaii — staking a claim to launch rockets

Hawaii prepares for the boom in satellite launches

By Nick Nuttall

An international gathering of space scientists, engineers and businessmen, including delegates from the European Space Agency, Nasa, and European rocket launcher, Arianne, are meeting in Hawaii this month.

Their purpose is to look at the economic prospects and rocket launch requirements of the governments and companies within one of the world's fastest growing regions, the Pacific Rim.

Although the September return of America's Challenger means shuttles are back in business, many experts now believe the re-emergence of conventional rockets like Arianne are the future for commercial satellite launches.

They are not only deemed more reliable and significantly cheaper than booking payloads on a shuttle, but with Challenger dedicated to clearing a massive backlog of military and scientific projects, simply more available.

In the last few years scores of private firms have emerged all offering rocket launching services and Arianne — which has the world's largest slice of this particular pie — is hired well into the 1990s.

Yet experts believe unless more launch pads are built, private firms could find booking a satellite on to a rocket launch almost as difficult as trying to get on a shuttle.

So far Japan, China, India and Indonesia have all hinted at plans to build space ports, but Hawaii is staking its claim to be the most geographically and technically suitable site for the Pacific Rim.

Although a state within the American union, the Hawaiian islands have a great deal of autonomy and are by no means unfamiliar to space-related projects, having both a Nasa tracking station on Kauai and the world's most powerful telescope atop Mauna Kea.

Last year the islands' Department of Business and Economic Development asked technological consultants, Arthur Little, to study their rocket launch pad potential.

The consultants have concluded that a site of four pads, with capabilities for launching 10 rockets a year, is feasible and an area called Palima Point — a remote track of shoreside land three miles east south-east from Pahala on Hawaii's main island — has been earmarked.

There are still environmental considerations to be resolved at Palima Point as the area is home to important colonies of green sea turtles.

But conference organizer, Steve Durst, believes the islands' claim will be attractive to Pacific nations and rocket firms like Arianne: "It has the technical advantages of being close to, and linked with, the United States and of being right in the middle of half the world's expected market."

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A new way to talk to computers?

From Robert Matthews in Boston

Wang, the US computer company, last week unveiled what it claims is a great step forward in human communication with computers. Developed over two years by the Massachusetts-based company, the system allows handwritten messages to be entered into a computer and beamed from one computer to another. Wang believes it will interest particularly the millions of people reluctant to use a keyboard.

Software developed by Wang Laboratories enable the system, called Freestyle, to turn IBM-AT compatible computers into an electronic blackboard, with hand writing being entered via a digitizing pen and writing tablet, which converts the hand-written scrawl to electronic signals.

The pen's position is indicated by a tiny arrow on the screen; contact with the digitizing tablet produces writing on the screen. Mistakes are corrected by turning the pen over and rubbing out, using the electronic eraser in the pen's head. A set of icons is flashed up to help the user to use the system.

Documents created using software packages such as Lotus 1-2-3 can be annotated using the system.

Once inside the computer, the documents and their commentary can be beamed from one computer to other on the other side of the world. Its inventors clearly hope that the Wang system will be as big an innovation as the Apple Macintosh "mouse".

John Pearson, applications manager at Wang Europe, said: "There are many keyboard-shy people, especially at board level."

One leading US company, Westinghouse Trading, is already using the new system in its day-to-day business, claiming that it boosts productivity significantly by cutting the need for face-to-face meetings to discuss new information.

The system will be on sale in Britain early next year at a basic cost of £1,500.

Frederick Wang, president of the company which bears his name, with the Freestyle software system designed to turn a personal computer into an electronic blackboard

Welcome the understanding and kind home-help robot

From Ian Pedley in Sydney

Some families face a tough decision in the next few years — whether to buy a second Mercedes-Benz or a robot for the home. And with hired help hard to find these days, the choice may soon be the robot, according to Joseph Engelberger, universally acknowledged as the father of robotics.

The first customers will probably be making a decision between another big car and a built-in, full-time, 24-hour servant, Mr Engelberger told an international symposium on robots in Sydney.

But for the rest of this century at least, robot buyers would not be able simply to choose a model and take one home, then tell it to start work, he said.

First of all they would need to redesign their homes from the ground up to make it robot-compatible.

He said: "One thing that we have learned from applying industrial robots to the factory is that one cannot simply hire a robot, drop it on the factory floor and tell it to do what an employee has been doing."

Mr Engelberger, whose Transition Research Corporation in the US is developing a household robot, said he could not foresee robots taking over all human functions in the home. Changing nappies? "No," he said. Babysitting? "No — I'd be very nervous about putting robots in charge of a baby."

Instead robots should be used to improve the quality of life, not just for the wealthy who find it difficult to keep good human help, but for people such as the elderly and the disabled.

If they had an extension of themselves — an arm that would do for them — they would not have to rely on another human being every minute of the day.

The West also has a population that is growing older, and older people who end up in a nursing home. They would much rather be sitting at home and know there's a robot that can walk them to the bathroom when they can't walk, or can get them a drink. Mr Engelberger said a robot developed in the US had already had proved itself capable of navigating its way around a 12 storey hospital, avoiding stretchers and other obstacles along the corridors.

If the hall is completely cluttered, it stands still and begs people to get out of the way. "The children in the paediatrics ward love it," he added. "It's friendly looking, kind of a square shape that can fit through doorways and doesn't have any threatening appearance."

It also was totally non-aggressive, he said. Kick it in the front and it will move back two feet and wait patiently. Mr Engelberger said to turn this into a domestic robot all he needed to do was add arms to it and a vision that is three-dimensional.

But to accomplish a range of useful tasks, it would have to be a sophisticated machine and that means that, for at least the rest of the century, it will be a very expensive item.

Man who built Apricot — twice

By Caroline Berman

PROFILE

Roger Foster, chief executive of Apricot, refers to 1985 as the year of the great trauma — the year the Apricot computer faced the the giant IBM's onslaught and had to concede defeat.

It had to redesign completely its own micro computers to fit in with IBM's standard. "The surgery of change was traumatic," Mr Foster said.

Today Apricot has recovered and learnt from this ordeal and is poised for expansion. The company is back to a £100 million turnover, which Mr Foster hopes will reach £500 million in the next four years.

In 1985, 90 per cent of the company's revenue came from personal computers. Now the profits are split evenly between financial systems, computer services and the hardware side. Having been hit once by the problem of standards, Mr Foster is now firmly committed to the concept of open systems — where hardware is interchangeable.

Distributed processing is another trend that Mr Foster is tipping for success. Both these movements have been under way for the past five years, but the momentum is now unstoppable, he argues.

"Our advantage is that companies like IBM and ICL will need to defend their mainframes and proprietary systems but we don't need to.

"We can go all-out to gain new business."

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Mr Foster, who left school at 16 to train as a chartered accountant, set up a computer bureau, ACT, in 1965 at the age of 25. He had been working on the computer side of the engineering company GKN, and at the time it was expensive to own a computer. So he saw the chance to run a computer which small companies could share in the use of — at a price.

The business built up slowly but steadily until in 1979 turnover was £3 million and about 260 people were employed. At this point the company was successfully floated on the stock market.

Mr Foster had extended into providing financial software packages in the 1970s, and in the late-1970s became involved with personal computers.

He imported the Sirius from the US and in one year sold 20,000.

He said: "We couldn't find a successor to the Sirius so decided to design our own PC and set up a manufacturing plant to make it." An electronics design team was hired in, including Dr Peter Horn, now head of research and development.

The company subsequently grew from £3 million in 1979 to £90 million in 1985/6 — all on the back of the success of the PCs. After the first range of computers was designed in 1983, the company changed its name to Apricot Computers.

However, right at the height of their success came the great fall. "We had to move from our own architecture to that of IBM," said Mr Foster. "I realized that if we stayed with our own standard it would be a slow lingering death."

The number of staff was reduced from 1,100 to 700 and there was also a management shake-out. Now staff number 1,200 at Apricot.

Mr Foster is also committed to further reducing his reliance on the hardware side of the business.

"The real money comes from the myriad of services and software which add to the basic sales," he said. "We have currently more than two-thirds of profit from services and software. It could be 90 per cent over the next two years. We'll continue to acquire companies, to give us an extra 10 per cent growth per annum. A number of good high tech companies with sales of £5-£10 million find it difficult to get beyond this and want to join us."

Apricot spends five to six per cent of turnover on research and development, and says the cost of development in the UK is cheaper than in Japan or the US.

"Pay can be one third of what it is in Japan and the US, and the products are sold in the same markets. We get what a US company would have to commit 10-12 per cent of turnover to achieve."

Mr Foster also stressed that he employs as many designers as people on the production line — about 200 in each area. "In the old days there were 10 designers and 10,000 in the factory. All the skill is in technological innovations."

Andrew Pollack looks at the frontier science of nanotechnology

Another step for futuristic bio-tech

With the first products of genetic engineering starting to reach the marketplace, scientists are preparing for what is expected to be the next big step in the biotechnology revolution: the creation of complex new compounds that are custom-designed to meet human needs.

So far, genetic engineering has been used mainly to produce substances that already exist in nature. The gene-controlling production of human insulin, for instance, can be implanted in bacteria, which will then produce the insulin.

The new technology, known as "protein engineering," promises to take scientists a step further by modifying natural proteins or by creating entirely new ones. The rudimentary efforts of protein engineering have already produced promising substances, but scientists believe they are on the edge of the frontier. The design and production of new proteins is a more complex challenge than the synthesis of organic materials such as plastics.

Proteins play a pivotal role in life. Virtually all substances produced by living cells are proteins: hormones, enzymes, antibodies, hair, skin, bones and so on. And virtually all biological functions are controlled by proteins. So being able to tailor-make proteins for specific tasks holds great allure.

The first applications of protein engineering, a cross between gene-splicing and computer modelling, will be to make drugs with improved properties and industrial enzymes that last longer than the natural versions.

In the future, the technique could allow the creation of entirely new drugs to fight such diseases as cancer and AIDS. Scientists envision designer proteins being used to clean polluted rivers.

Some visionary scientists dream even of making computers out of proteins that could be manufactured by living cells. A protein that can alternate between two different shapes, for instance, could theoretically be used to store a unit, or bit, of information, allowing computers to be so small that they could travel down a human blood vessel to repair injuries.

Such futuristic technology has been dubbed "nanotechnology," because the machines would have features measured in nanometers, or billionths of meters.

Advances in computers allow scientists to study complex molecules on computer screens and do complex calculations to predict protein structure. Also important are improvements in techniques to determine the structure of natural proteins.

A long, rolling road

Inventor Sir Clive Sinclair, whose C5 electric tricycle failed to revolutionize British transport, has set out his vision of roads in the 21st century.

The main road network will be a system of high-speed conveyor belts on which electric vehicles will sit nose to tail until they drive off at their destination. They will be safer, cleaner and offer the best hope of beating the so-called greenhouse effect threatening the world's environment, he said.

Sir Clive said motorists would drive on to roads and motorways which would take control of the vehicles. He added: "This way you can hugely increase the capacity of the roads because you can travel much faster and much closer."

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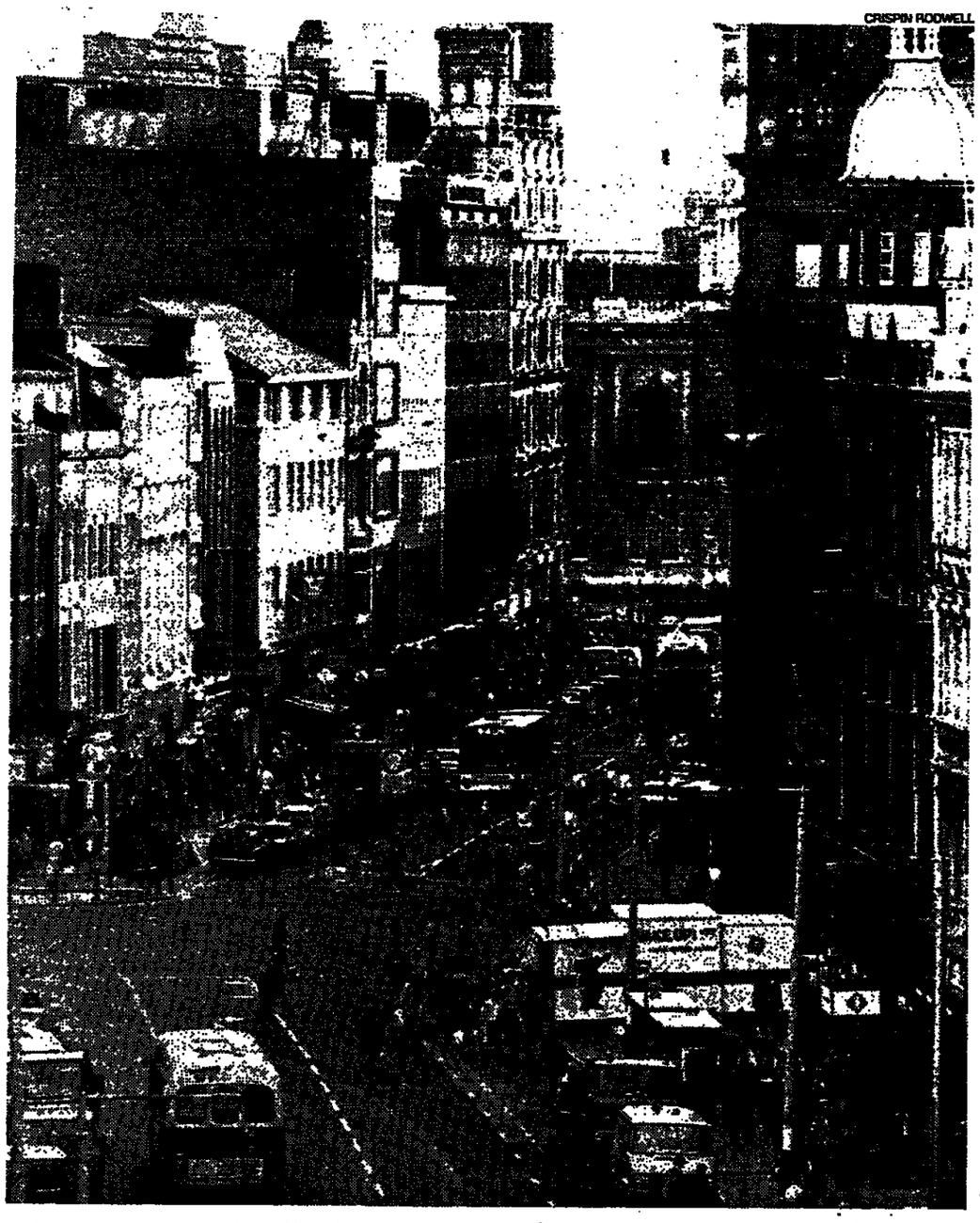
Revival amid the stalemate



CRISPIN RODWELL

Belfast centre: A city coming to life with crowds in pedestrian zones, new restaurants and good business in the shops

Although progress is slow in the move towards political settlement, there are signs of economic resurgence in the province. Peter Strafford examines the attempts to restore normality

It is now 20 years since the latest round of "Troubles" began in Northern Ireland, bringing the terrorism and violence which still continues. In recent years there has been a marked reduction in the number of deaths from the peak in the 1970s – and that holds true in spite of the recent resurgence in IRA activity – but few would dare to predict that terrorism is on the wane.

What is remarkable is the extent to which normal life continues in the province alongside it. The visitor from the British mainland, conditioned to see or read about little but bombings and shootings, is surprised to find Belfast a city in which hundreds of thousands of people are busy with their ordinary pursuits, and which, though it has its run-down areas, is now in the process of revival.

He has only to drive a short distance outside, and he is in the rolling green Irish countryside, with the mountains of Mourne or the glens of Antrim in easy reach. There are reminders of the grimmer side of life in occasional roadside checks, armoured patrols and barricaded police stations, but they are not obtrusive, and people accept them as a necessary precaution.

Moreover there has been a slight upturn in the Northern Ireland economy in the last year or two, reflecting the recovery of the UK economy as a whole. A report last month by the Northern Ireland Economic Council spoke of an overall improvement over the past year, with a modest increase in total employment and a reduction in unemployment (still at 17 per cent) – though it also had its reservations.

Meanwhile there is a continuing campaign to attract overseas investment into the province, partly by means of grants, partly by stressing the real advantages Northern Ireland has to offer.

But though progress has been made – and much done, in particular, to redress the grievances which originally sparked the outbreak of violence 20 years ago – there seems little doubt that Northern Ireland is in for a long haul before it achieves greater normality. On the terrorism front, there are grounds for fearing further activity by the IRA; and on the political front efforts to move towards a settlement by means of the 1985 Anglo-Irish agreement have run into deadlock.

James Molyneaux: Unionist MP for the Lagan Valley

John Hume: Moderate SDLP leader and Euro MP

The possession by the terrorists of Semtex, the powerful Czech-made explosive which, not having a smell, is particularly hard to detect, has made the task of the security forces that much more difficult.

On their side, spokesmen for the IRA say blandly that they regret that people have to die. But they argue that Northern Ireland is in a colonial situation, and that the "occupying power", Britain, would not otherwise be forced to leave. To give up the campaign of violence (though there are thought to be those in the IRA who would support that) would mean losing leverage.

The Anglo-Irish agreement, signed at Hillsborough, south of Belfast, on November 15, 1985, was a move of far-reaching significance, aimed at meeting the terrorist challenge by political means; and it has been the focal point of political discussion since then.

To reassure the unionists, it contained an assurance that there would be no change in the status of the province without the approval of the majority; while the setting up of an Anglo-Irish inter-governmental conference was intended to associate Dublin in the search for a settlement, and to reassure the northern nationalists that their case would be made.

For the moderate, and constitutional, nationalists of the Social Democratic and Labour Party, this was a great breakthrough. Seamus Mallon, MP for Newry and Armagh, told me that it was the most important decision taken since the partition of Ireland in the 1920s. It was a sharp notification to the unionists that they no longer had the veto they had long exercised on British policy; and it was calculated to meet the anxieties of the nationalist community.

Mr Mallon, like other members of his party, sees the agreement as a signal that London is no longer irrevocably committed to retaining Northern Ireland within the United Kingdom. The SDLP has used it as an argument in the nationalist community for abandoning the violence of the IRA and taking a constitutional approach.

There has been little progress, however, since the agreement was signed. It was immediately rejected by the unionist community, for whom it was a shattering blow; and even among the nationalists of Northern Ireland it has had less success than had been hoped.

The view of the unionists is in some ways similar to that of the SDLP. They are not persuaded by the guarantee that the view of the majority in the province will prevail, and believe that the agreement is the first step towards excluding Northern Ireland from the United Kingdom.

This view was put strongly to me by Mr James Molyneaux, MP for the Lagan Valley, who talked of "betrayal" and said that there had always been those in Whitehall who wanted to "get rid" of Northern Ireland, seeing it as another colony. He added that rather than accept unification with the Republic of Ireland, the unionists would demand independence, though apart from a small element they were opposed to the idea in present circumstances.

The outcome is that the unionists have refused to have anything to do with the British Government since the agreement was announced – most recently rejecting the offer from Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, to take part in the review process coinciding with the third anniversary.

This has meant that nothing could be done until now about a major British objective, the setting up of a devolved government in the province to replace the present system of direct rule from London.

So stalemate continues, both in the fight against terrorism and in the moves towards a political settlement. But the people of Northern Ireland, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, are resilient. Life continues in the province. And with the recovery in the economy, and the action taken to redress the main grievances of 20 years ago, it is markedly better than it was.

Shoppers flock towards a city springing back to life

One place which has shown a marked improvement in the last few years is Belfast itself. This industrial city and port of half a million people, which had its heyday in the late Victorian and Edwardian period, had sunk to a low ebb in the 1960s and 1970s. It was partly the result of the inner city decline seen elsewhere, and partly because of the troubles in the province.

Today, by contrast, it is showing signs of economic resurgence. There are still areas of decay, in West Belfast in particular and even in parts of the city centre. But elsewhere the city is coming to life again, with crowds in the pedestrian zones, good business being done in the shops, and newly opened bars and restaurants.

Terrorism has left its mark. There are the bomb explosions and shootings – and little prospect that they will end soon. Heavily armed police and troops carry out their patrols. There is much shabbiness in the Falls and Shankill areas, where Roman Catholics and Protestants respectively live, divided by the graffiti-covered "peace wall".

But a determined campaign by the city's Housing Executive has done away with most of the worst slum areas – so that the percentage of publicly owned housing classed as unfit has declined from 27 to 9 per cent. And in the city centre the grants that are available to developers (up to 75 per cent for the North Side) have encouraged new investment and building.

North of the imposing City Hall, completed in 1906, there is the £60 million Castle Court project, which will include shops and offices and is seen as a focal point for new development in the North Side, much of it still consisting of run-down and abandoned buildings.

East of there, along the Lagan river, there is a still more ambitious project, known as Laganside, designed to beautify a mile-and-a-half-long stretch of the waterfront.

The people who are happiest about the upturn in Belfast's affairs are the retailers

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The people who are perhaps happiest about the upturn in Belfast's affairs are the retailers. Belatedly, Northern Ireland has caught up with the consumer spending boom seen elsewhere in the United Kingdom; and, since Belfast is regarded as being "undershopped", they are doing a flourishing trade.

The Belfast Boots, for instance, has a better turnover than any other of the company's branches; while the Littlewoods branch comes third in the company's league, the Belfast BHS comes fifth, and the city's Marks and Spencer is 10th overall and second on food turnover.

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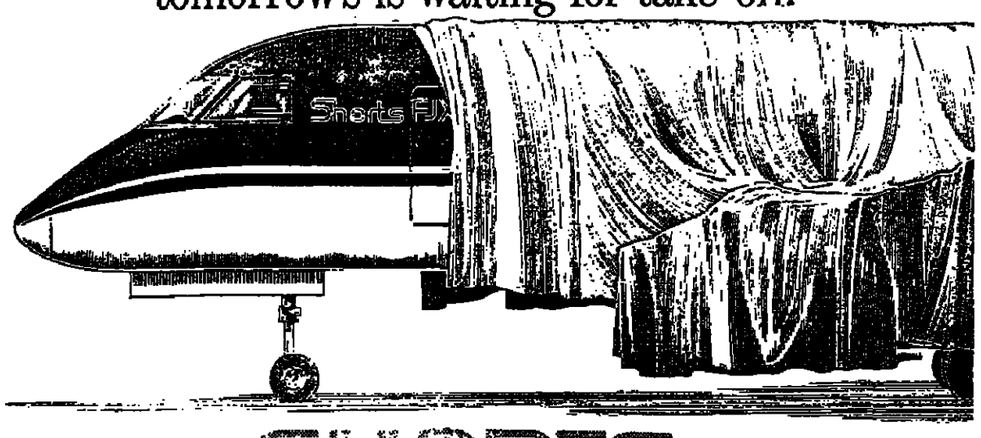

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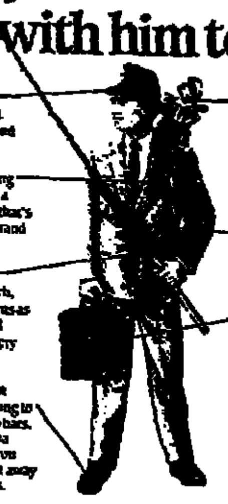

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Government recently gave the go-ahead for the completion of the Kilroot II power station near Belfast, to be fuelled by imported black coal, a decision welcomed by Meekatharra.

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Fully costed mine design, environmental and infrastructure studies are part of the final study on Ballymoney which was presented to Government and Northern Ireland Electricity in November last year. Government has accepted the technical viability of this study for a mine to supply fuel to a new lignite burning power station.

Meekatharra Minerals has spent almost £2 million in Northern Ireland since it received its first licence to explore for lignite in June 1986. The company is strongly committed to coal and minerals development in the Province and is proud of the support received from the Ballymoney community towards its lignite development proposals.

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Shorts fly high on military orders

Rodney Lund: Shorts chairman announcing plans for the FJX at Farnborough

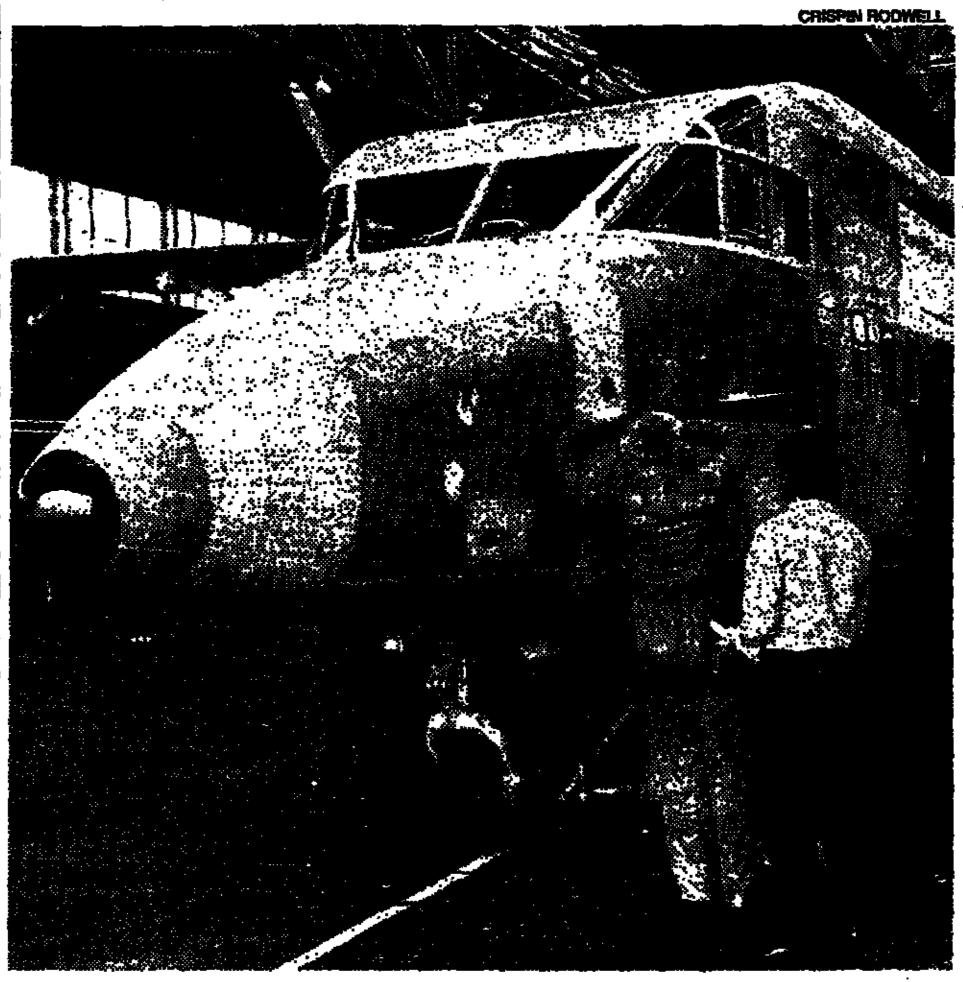
By the end of the year a confidential sales prospectus, prepared by the board and Barclays de Zoete Wedd, will be with those parties that have registered an interest in buying Short Brothers, the world's oldest aircraft company (registered in 1908) and Northern Ireland's largest manufacturer with over 7,000 employees.

The government intends Shorts to be privatized as soon as a reasonable deal can be hatched. The shortest odds are on a consortium with GEC as the major partner, Shorts' own management taking a minority stake, and possibly one or more large institutional investors.

Under its new chairman, Rodney Lund, Shorts took a very bullish stance at the Farnborough show in September, to help repair the damaging uncertainty created by the singularly inept way the Northern Ireland office announced its intention to privatize the firm a few weeks earlier — with gratuitously insulting and misleading "lobby" comments on management, prospects and results.

Most damagingly, ministers had suggested that the firm could be broken up and sold in bits. Mr Lund fought back hard, winning clear government backing for efforts to sell the company as a single entity, designing, developing and producing across a wide spectrum; from small supersonic missiles, through light military and commercial aircraft, to major airframe assemblies for heavy airliners.

The ministerial gaffes came just as Shorts were sampling market reaction to the FJX 44/48-seat regional twin-jet project unveiled last March, for which they were attempting to form development partnerships. Target dates are: a firm launch decision next spring, maiden flight in 1991 and entry into service in late 1993.



CRISPIN RODWELL

Significant orders: the 360 commuter airliner in production helps keep Shorts bullish

Market reaction has been very positive and was manifest to all at Farnborough and the *Financial Times* aerospace conference in London which preceded it.

"We've been delighted by the reception. It has made a big difference to the interest being shown by potential suppliers and sub-contractors. The market is ready for a small regional jet. Customer interest is gathering pace and we're in dialogue with an increasing number of airlines. Our aim of significant launch orders looks increasingly achievable," says Roy McNulty, Shorts' managing director.

The task of forming a launch partnership has "not been made easier" by the privatization announcement, he concedes, but "we remain confident that we'll get a consortium or partnership, call it what you will, together to do this thing." Negotiations are cloaked in commercial secrecy, but those known to be in talks with Shorts are the German aerospace group MBB, Daimler-Benz-owned Dornier and Nanching aircraft plant in China.

Of Shorts' current types, sales of the 360 commuter airliner are holding up well, ment of Defence — brushing aside objections from the Provisional IRA's Washington sympathizers — placed its second order for Shorts' C-23 Sherpa light freighters. Ten are to be delivered to the US National Guard, to follow into service the 18 delivered to the US Air Force in 1984-85.

After its lengthy gestation the Tucano primary trainer, despite the arrival of newer, sleeker — and far more expensive — rivals.

Last month the US Depart- developed for the RAF from a Brazilian original design, has been entering service at a steady rate since the late summer, and production is currently running at 30 a year. With the first export order, from Kenya, already signed and the second imminent, Shorts are considering an increase of the planned peak production rate of 36 a year to 45.

Shorts were in the enviable position last month, when British Airways' £1.2 billion order for fleet re-equipment was about to be placed, of being a winner whichever way it went.

As a major supplier of airframe assemblies to Boeing, the company profits from BA's US preference. Had the airline decided to be a good European, Shorts would have benefited by supplying the engine pods they make for the Airbus A320 and the wings for Fokker's F100 twin-jet, in which Shorts are a risk-sharing partner.

With or without BA's favour, F100 sales are building up well and are likely to exceed the 30-a-year production rate currently planned.

In missiles, development of the revolutionary Mach 4 Starstreak shoulder-fired missile, under Ministry of Defence contract, is proceeding smoothly and is more than halfway through. "We'll have it in British forces' service on time," says Mr McNulty, referring to an early 1990s date, while work proceeds on engineering and marketing to get Starstreak into US military inventories too.

An agreement signed at Farnborough with McDonnell-Douglas to integrate an air-launched Starstreak variant with the American company's Apache helicopter gunship is regarded by Shorts as very significant.

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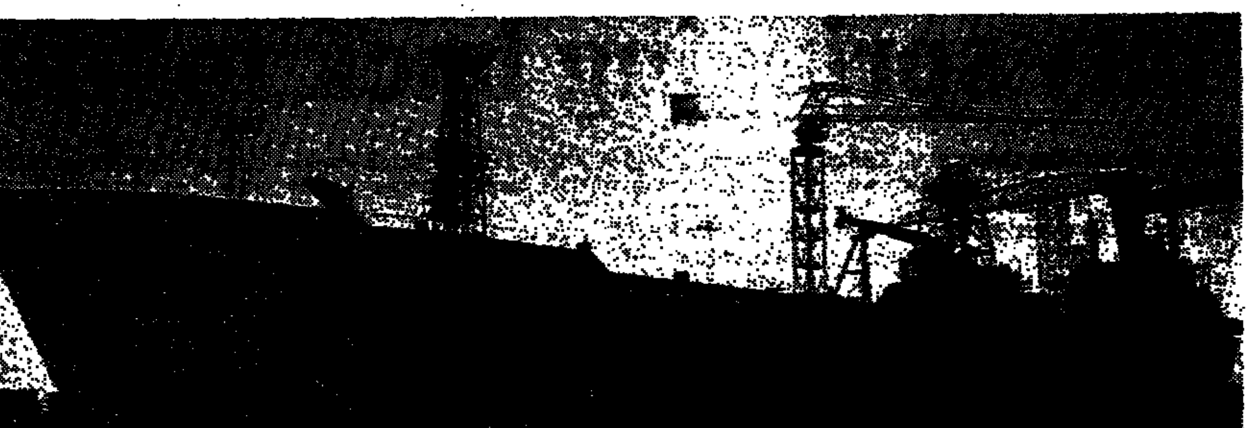
Doubts sink dream cruiser



Arguably the most complex civil vessel ever built: BP's £100 million-plus single well oil production ship to extract and not worth the cost of fixed rigs. Due to sail from H&W within the next process oil from small North Sea deposits weeks

Harland and Wolff is more than just a shipyard with a payroll of almost 4,000 people; it is a symbol of a once-thriving engineering sector, an institution that is synonymous with everything that is Ulster. The Belfast yard occupies a special place in local folklore — as an industrial giant with an illustrious past, now facing an uncertain future.

Government privatization plans have sent shock waves through the shipyard and, indeed, the whole economy. All sides in this great sell-off debate agree on one thing: Harland's is entering its most critical phase. The more pessimistic believe attempts to hive off the loss-maker to the private sector will be disastrous, and will lead to the closure of the Queen's Island complex.

Failure to reach agreement with Ravi Tikkoo, the Indian-born ship-owner, coupled with the collapse of plans to build his £265 million "Ultimate Dream" cruise liner, served to deepen the despondency. The Tikkoo ship, a

No cruiser deal from shipping magnate Ravi Tikkoo

floating pleasure palace earmarked for the lucrative American and Caribbean market, would have guaranteed work for Harland and Wolff well into the 1990s.

But shortly after his ambitious plan was unveiled in London, the government intervened to complicate what should been a straightforward deal. Ministers keen to promulgate the gospel of privatization invited Mr Tikkoo to study the feasibility of taking over the ailing shipyard.

It seemed that before he could build his state-of-the-art vessel in Belfast he would first have to negotiate to buy the shipyard. Each side appointed consultants; for a time it appeared the tycoon was destined to add shipbuilding to his maritime empire.

Last month, the negotiations collapsed, and with it went the Tikkoo Cruise Line proposal for the "Ultimate Dream." As in everything, money was at the root of the problem.

Mr Tikkoo said the financial support he requested did not exceed European Community Sixth Directive guidelines; in other words, subsidies of no more than 28 per cent "did not in our view provide a reasonable prospect for the long-term viability of the yard." Ministers argued that the terms were generous, but refused to elaborate.

The episode serves to add further uncertainty — the yard was back in industrial limbo, with no clear offers on the table, and no commitment from a ship-owner with the stature of Mr Tikkoo, who had a multi-million pound project to realize.

All this left the Confederation of Shipbuilding Unions, the umbrella group for 12 unions at the shipyard, feeling dejected and defeated. In front of Northern Ireland Secretary of State, Tom King, and his industry minister, Peter Viggers, their spokesmen demanded the government lift what was termed "this cloak of secrecy" and confirm the identity of the two other concerns vying for the shipyard.

Bulk Transport, a London-based firm, and a Turkish shipowner are reportedly involved. In Mr King's words, the government "is in active discussion" with them, but in the course of heated exchanges he steadfastly refused to provide any detail.

A third party entered the equation, and could turn out to offer the best alternative. Harland and Wolff chairman, John Parker, keen to maintain morale and instil confidence, outlined a management-employee buy-out proposal.

He is still testing the workability of such a scheme, and Mr King appears enthusiastic.

Without new orders, and with losses set to continue, the immediate prospect is that up to one thousand jobs will be shed as activity in the ten steel shops is scaled down drastically. And if vital subsidies are withheld so long as the yard remains in public ownership, the likelihood is that closure will become the only option.

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It is one that the authorities, and particularly the Industrial Development Board (IDB), are anxious to promote. They are making a concerted attempt to encourage investment in the province, and they believe that they have a strong case to make, if only potential investors will overcome unfavourable preconceptions, and come to see for themselves what is on offer.

Mr Anthony Hopkins, chief executive of the IDB, concedes that it is a hard task in a competitive world. But he says that the visitors who do come are pleasantly surprised; and he points out that foreign companies which are long established, such as Du Pont and AVX, both American, have made substantial new investments.

Most of the foreign-owned companies are American, amounting to some two dozen, but there are also others from Japan, France and West Germany. They account for about 40 per cent of the employed population.

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Technology and trout: Antrim Technology Park, financed by the IDB with smart units geared to high-tech business

Foreign investment is an important factor, therefore, in the province's economy. But since the De Lorean affair — a failure, the IDB insist, by the company rather than by anyone in Northern Ireland — there are no exaggerated expectations in that direction; and efforts overseas continue to be matched by action to stimulate Northern Ireland's own companies.

The Local Enterprise Development Unit (LEDU) is active both in helping people who want to start up new companies and in providing guidance for smaller existing companies (with up to 50 employees) which want to expand.

In both cases there is awareness that the approach to 1992, when the European Community plans to dismantle barriers between its members, is both a challenge and an opportunity. Mr Hopkins believes that the health of Northern Ireland's industry has already been much improved.

For his part, Mr Denis Babes, of LEDU, talks of the promotion of 4,570 new jobs in the 1987/88 year, a new record. He cites the work ethic of the people of Northern Ireland, both Protestant and Roman Catholic, together with the good industrial relations.

In the search for foreign investment, the IDB is still active in the US. But it is increasingly shifting its attention to the Far East, to Japan, South Korea and Hong Kong, where there are companies anxious to expand overseas, and to establish a foothold in the EEC before 1992.

Financial incentives are offered, in the form of investment grants principally. But Mr Hopkins believes that they are not the main attraction. More important are the advantages which Northern Ireland has in its own right, not least its tradition as an industrial centre, with a record of engineering inventiveness going back to the Industrial Revolution.

Not long ago the economy of the province was in very evident decline. But it is now recovering, he says, and it also has one tangible asset: the highly qualified graduates of Northern Ireland's two universities, Queen's University in Belfast and the University of Ulster.

A special emphasis is in fact being laid on high-technology products and computer software. High-technology goods, being light, do not suffer competitively from being relatively far from their markets; while the software needs no more than a telephone line for transmission to a customer.

One example of the success of this approach is the new Neotech plant in the Antrim Technology Park, which began work only three months ago. It is making digital tyre pressure gauges for its parent company in Dallas, Texas, and the intention is that they should eventually be sold round the world by means of a marketing arrangement with the large Schrader concern.

Mr Jim Bloomer, the chief executive, told me that the Antrim plant is to be the sole manufacturing base for Neotech's activities and the sole centre for research.

Fighting for a friendly image

The largely US-backed International Fund for Ireland is an entirely new source of capital to develop Northern Ireland's tourist infrastructure, with the start last month of work on central Belfast's first new hotel for almost 20 years, for which the IFI is contributing a £400,000 grant, *writes Robert Rodwell.*

"It is all genuine new money, and is not being matched by pro-rata cuts in government funding" says Ian Henderson, NI Tourist Board deputy chief, recalling the endless rows about "additionality" which accompanied earlier European Regional Development Fund grants.

So far the IFI has provided £6.2 million for tourist projects with another £2.5 million allocated in its forthcoming third tranche. "There is no shortage of ideas coming forward, though too many of them, unfortunately, are from promoters anxious to risk other people's money without putting up any of their own," Mr Henderson notes, pointing out that US government rules demand private-sector contributions of at least 50 per cent.

The recent resurgence of terrorism will, inevitably, depress this year's tourism business marginally below last year's 940,000 visitors — the best annual result since the 20-year emergency began. The Enniskillen Poppy Day bombing last November occurred just as 1988 holidays were being planned.

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Powerful sporting attraction: Northern Ireland has some of Europe's most envied fishing grounds, all freely available and uncluttered, like this spot near Ballynahinch, Co Down

A major promotion aimed at the Scottish market, formerly the Ulster industry's main prop, was overshadowed by the murder of two corporals in Belfast only two days before the launch. Similarly, an advertising drive to lure Republic residents north for the August Bank Holiday weekend was postponed after the Omagh bus atrocity in which eight soldiers died.

"The image is something only the government and the IDB can do much about, and we are going to do some joint promotional videos with them" says Mr Henderson.

For all the setbacks, development of Ulster's tourist facilities and attractions proceeds apace. A drive is now on to raise £4 million from private investors for the development of Navan Fort, a huge pre-historic earthwork overlooking Armagh city.

Dating from 3,000 BC, it is known in Celtic legend as Emain Murcha, the seat of the ancient kings of Ireland, and can be likened to Ireland's Camelot.

The Navan Fort study preceded a development study of Armagh city itself, to be completed next month. The NITB considers Armagh to be Ulster's least developed tourist asset — Ireland's ecclesiastical capital, with two Cathedrals, a planetarium, observatory, some fine Georgian architecture and much else.

Being readied for the spring is the first phase of a History Park at Gortin, in the Sperrin Mountains of Tyrone, where all manner of settlements from pre-Christian crannogs and raths to fortified farmhouses of the 17th century Ulster plantations are being reconstructed.

At the neighbouring Ulster-American Folk Park a typical 19th-century emigrant ship and dockside street are being replicated, while at Bangor, Co Down, the first berths in a 600-yacht marina will be available next spring.

In the longer term yachting facilities are also planned along the stunning Antrim coast, where safe anchorages and berths are currently rarer than hen's teeth, with a projected marina at Cushendall. The Bangor marina, meanwhile, is being accompanied by the wholesale refurbishment and re-development of the sadly faded seafront of what was once NI's premier seaside resort.

A new field of development is industrial tourism, exemplified by works tours of the world-famous Bushmills whiskey distillery, Co Antrim — opened on the same site in 1608 and Ireland's oldest extant industrial enterprise.

Another new factory now being built for cut-glass manufacturer Tyrone Crystal at Dungannon incorporates from the outset, a high-level walkway through all processes to packing and dispatch, for tourist rubber-neckers. This is largely an educational promenade which ends — surprise, surprise — in the factory shop.

Not much euphoria from the farmers

Agriculture is Ulster's largest industry, employing more people than the shipbuilding and the aircraft sectors and providing pay packets for around 13 per cent of the working population.

And with incomes having increased by over 80 per cent in the past 12 months one would expect everything on the land to be rosy.

Far from it, as leaders of the province's two main farming organizations, the Ulster Farmers Union and the Northern Ireland Agricultural Producers Association, would contend.

According to the Department of Agriculture, farm incomes in Northern Ireland have risen in the past year from £62.2 million in 1986 to £113.8 million, an improvement of 83 per cent.

But those who look after the interests of those who look after the land are less than euphoric about that. Four years ago farmers' incomes were worth £130 million, so that any improvement — coming as it does after two successive years in which producers suffered significantly from a fall in farm returns — is welcome, but is little more than a signpost on the road to financial recovery.

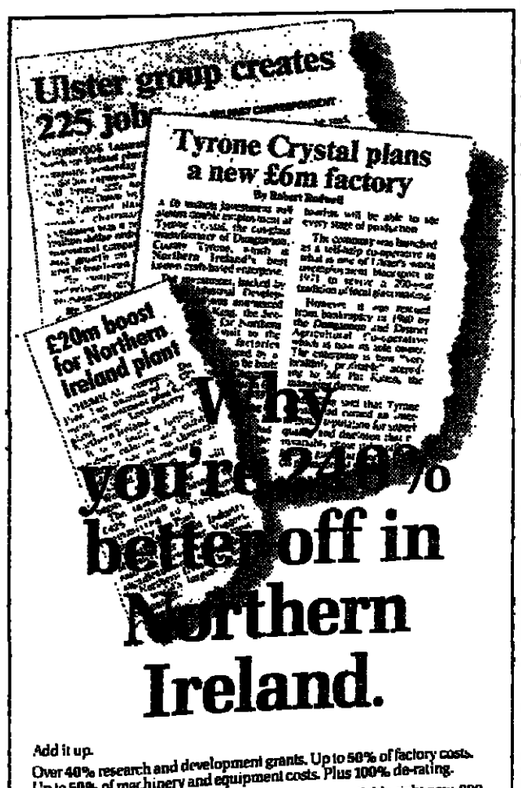
The present year has also been one of change for Ulster farmers. The creation of the province's second Environmentally Sensitive Area will benefit hundreds of farmers while the International Fund for Ireland will help others, especially those in the disadvantaged regions of the province who are diversifying into alternative enterprises.

The industry has seen its first privatization — the passing of the state-administered livestock artificial insemination service into other hands — but it is too early for farmers to gauge the benefit.

Of one thing they are certain. They are not happy about a government decision to make them pay for all on-farm advice.

The criticism is being made — and the government's own figures are being used to substantiate it — that those hardest hit will be the country's smaller farmers who have to live on an income of only £50 a week.

Michael Drake



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By Edward Fennell

Milan welcomes the Brits

To succeed in Milan you must have a sense of style. So 10 days ago Frere Cholmeley chose the grand venue of the Circolo della Stampa, a mere spaghetti strand away from the Duomo, to tell the Milanese that it was open for business.

Being Italians, the guests would not wear any badges to identify who they were (come to that, they did not reply to the invitations, either). But as we munched our way into the plates of pizza and delicious chocolates, it was evident that curious local lawyers, accountants, businessmen and diplomats were turning out in their droves to hear what Frere had to say.

For Tony and Anne Hancock, the husband-and-wife team who are setting up the office, it was a suitably glittering entrée to the Milanese professional scene. Mr Hancock said: "We aim to offer a service to Italian clients whose interests are outside Italy. Through the firm's experience in France and with our strong links to Germany, we have proved we can operate in an international legal framework.

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Husband-and-wife team Tony and Anne Hancock, who have set up a Milan office for lawyers Frere Cholmeley

Mr Hancock, backed by Anne, a talented linguist, used to operate from the Frere office in Monte Carlo. They are building on their formidable success there to launch into Lombardy just as Italian industry and commerce is waking up to 1992. Already, within a fortnight of arriving, they have picked up three substantial clients and, say to local observers, their handling of the Milanese legal scene so far has been faultless.

British lawyers aren't entirely new to northern Italy. Linklaters, for example, set up shop in the mid-1960s but although it picked up some private client work it never cracked the corporate market. Part of its problem was that it tried to work independently. In Italy, however, even more than in the UK, you need friends who can open doors from the inside.

"The way to break into Milan," I was told, "is to be associated with well-established local professionals and to work in conjunction with them. The way *not* to do it is to set up by yourself in isolation from existing practices."

As it happens, Frere Cholmeley is sharing a *studio legale* with two Italian lawyers, Mauro Barberi and Laura Cosciani, while also being associated with an accountants' office run by Giorgio Aletti and Michael Neal, a former partner with Ernst & Whinney. By being part of such a set-up the Hancocks find themselves instantly on the inside track of local life, with access to everything from business contacts to tickets to La Scala.

Giving his warm approval to Frere Cholmeley's arrival and admiring the adroitness of the Hancocks' touch is Marcello Agnoli, a partner with the firm Pavia e Ansaldo which, through the international Eurolawyers Club, is associated with the London firm, Theodore Goddard.

Unlike most Italian lawyers (who share the costs of their *studio* but operate independently in the manner of barristers' chambers), Pavia e Ansaldo is one of the handful of Milanese law firms whose structure would be recognizable to Anglo-Americans.

Set up in the 1960s by Dr Enrico Pavia (a distinguished Jewish lawyer who fled to Britain in 1938, formed Pavia and Harcourt in New York, and then returned to Italy after the war), Pavia e Ansaldo combines the strength of the conventional partnership arrangement with a flair and character that is all Italian. With "branch offices" in Genoa and Rome, Pavia e Ansaldo is one of Italy's strongest legal outfits.

Avvocato Agnoli explained: "Frere Cholmeley will be given a warm welcome because Milan is an international city and welcomes newcomers. It has chosen the perfect time to open here. But to do that, the people it must convince, above others, are the accountants."

David Stewart, a Scottish partner with Arthur Young in Milan, is typical (despite being a Brit) of those accountants Frere Cholmeeley needs to impress. Arthur Young is strong in newspapers and banking in Milan (with two of the eight quoted banks), though its client profile stretches across retail, pharmaceuticals, and manufacturing.

Like Marcello Agnoli, he complimented Frere's for sending an experienced man to Milan who understands the way the Latin mind works. Even so, he pointed out that local Italian lawyers are very good and most have their links with London already arranged.

Italian audit firms are forbidden by law to participate in any other activity, so there is an entirely separate Arthur Young consulting firm. Clients are obliged to switch their auditors after a maximum of nine years so in the early 1990s there could be a major switch-round of work. At present, Arthur Andersen, with 515 professionals throughout Italy, is ahead of its nearest rival and unlikely to be shifted from its lead position. But according to John Stewart, there could be significant changes among the chasing group (made up basically of the remaining seven of the big eight).

All seven are jockeying for positions. Extensive public-relations campaigns are lobbying the decision-takers in the run-up to the end of the decade. AY reckons its trump card is its recent investment in the DSS, a computer-aided audit tool, which staff take out with them and whose sophistication fascinates Italian clients.

Howarth & Howarth Italia SaE (a member of the worldwide group of which Stoy Hayward is the UK representative) is part of the second group of smaller chasing firms. Its strength lies in its number of "voluntary audit" clients, but it hopes that disenchantment with the scale of the big eight's operations will be a factor in its favour come the certain shake-out of the 1990s.

BRIEFLY

Hugh's happy landing

Hugh Garety: high-flier flown

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THE LAW

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LEGAL BRIEF

It is time for the Council on Tribunals to have much wider powers, Sir Cyril Philips writes

This year the Council on Tribunals has its thirtieth anniversary. Each year Parliament creates new tribunals to come under the council's supervision (this year relating to banking appeals and financial services); its whole responsibility now totals 70 different systems in which more people have the chance of exercising their rights than in the High Court and County courts put together.

The prime concern of tribunals, unlike that of courts, rests with the merits of administrative decisions. Mostly they deal with differences between citizens and the state, but some, as in industrial tribunals, handle disputes between citizens. In continuing to expand the system, one of Parliament's main aims has been to make adjudication in these areas both cheap and accessible.

If an alternative is sought, it would have to be found either by making the executive the final arbiter in disputes to most of which it is itself a party, or by transferring the jurisdiction of tribunals to the courts. Neither of these options is attractive, in principle or in cost.

The system has grown to a huge size. Last year there were 568,000 tax appeals, 230,000 social security appeals, 190,000 rating appeals, 34,000 employment appeals, 20,000 rent appeals and about 5,000 hearings by mental health review tribunals. Yet, as a whole, the system attracts little attention and is largely taken for granted as a quiet, inexpensive, valuable part of our social and economic infrastructure.

But parts of the system, and in particular the council, are gradually being submerged by rising obligations, so that the question has to be put whether the limited powers conferred on it by an Act of Parliament 30 years ago (and renewed in 1971) are any longer consonant with responsibilities emerging in a new political and administrative climate.

In the heyday of the welfare state, when the council's role was created and confirmed, the protection of individual rights appropriately took effect through the creation of counter-official, watchdog agencies using openness and fairness as their dominant standards.

Today the national emphasis in political and administrative policy has shifted from seeking consumer satisfaction in these ways into creating it through the forces of the market place. In this new climate of opinion and administrative culture, standards of effectiveness, efficiency and expedition have gained emphasis.

In this context, the Social Security Act of 1986, for example, referring to the new Social Fund, removed the right of appeal to a tribunal and provided instead a social fund commissioner who is both to appoint social fund inspectors and to check their work: and who will be responsible to the Secretary of State. Moreover, the "Parliamentary Ombudsman" is no longer to enjoy jurisdiction in this area.

In 1980 and again in 1987 the council sought wider powers to act as an advisory body over the whole area of administrative adjudication in the tribunals, and also a right to be consulted on relevant, draft primary legislation. Government has not accepted this largely because of the extra resources needed. Instead, what will virtually constitute a re-enactment of the 1971 act is likely soon.

A pertinent example of the Government's dilemma is the case the council has mounted to bring about the reform of the administration of the general commissioners of income tax. There are now about 5,000 general commissioners in England and Wales, and 460 in Scotland. They are unpaid, receive no formal training and are assumed to learn on the job. Most of the appeals which they hear concern assessments made by the Inland Revenue when a taxpayer has delayed the return.

What is of public concern is the close involvement of the Inland Revenue (which is a party to all appeals) in the organization of appeals and also of the general commissioners themselves. In the view of the Council on Tribunals, responsibility for the general commissioners should rest with the Lord Chancellor's department not the Inland Revenue.

The general commissioners, who deal with more than 500,000 cases countrywide each year, need some form of central organization, some central managerial input, if inconsistencies are to be reduced. They also need some training to cover the basic principles of tax law and procedural rules, and to encourage good practice at hearings. But resources are scarce.

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HORIZONS

Angela Griffin at Sandwell town hall, West Midlands: England's twelfth biggest district council, with a £300 million annual budget

Young and rising fast

Angela Griffin this week became Britain's senior woman local authority chief executive. Bob Smyth looks at a career that will encourage women in local government

The town clerk used to be a remote figure, a bewigged mandarin at council meetings inspiring awe in his deferential staff — and even from his supposed political masters, the councillors. He — no women were considered appropriate for such eminence — was almost always a lawyer and usually served his authority until the day of his retirement.

The change since the 1960s has been remarkable. Victorian or Edwardian town halls have been replaced with vast modern offices to accommodate the larger districts created in the 1974 reorganization of Britain's century old system of local government.

Controlling the thousands of staff employed by the average large town council are a new breed of chief executives who, though the American parlance is not yet current, are city managers in all but name.

The couple of dozen new chief executives appointed to Britain's 541 local authorities last year included finance directors, planners, housing directors, administrators and even, sign of the times, a leisure and publicity officer. Two-thirds came from outside authorities. Local government is, after all, a massive countrywide industry spending a quarter of all public money

The chief executives' club (titled, rather appropriately, Solace) remains, however, firmly traditional in one respect. It is almost entirely male. Four women have made it to the top.

Redditch, an old market town incorporating a new town of 1960s origin, appointed Angela Griffin chief executive officer in 1985. Then at 37, she had notched up an impressive career record which, with her additional experience at Redditch, has now made her the chief of England's twelfth biggest district council — Sandwell, population 310,000 with a yearly budget of £300 million.

With a degree in botany from Nottingham, she started in local administration at Basildon in the late 1960s.

She said: "I was lucky to join an authority which was introducing innovative thinking."

As part of its management philosophy, it also allowed her part-time off to acquire a diploma in municipal administration. Her second employer, Westminster council, which she joined as an assistant committee clerk, followed suit. Taking a year off, she obtained a master's degree in local government studies.

Back at Westminster she was soon at the heart of city hall life as committee clerk for the all-powerful policy committee — a concept introduced during this modernizing decade. By 28, she was handling the finance and scrutiny committee.

Local-government funding is a topic of deep complexity. Angela was, she agrees, fortunate to be thrust into this field since "local government finance hasn't been a mystery to me".

(She was also lucky in that Westminster's chief executive was secretary to the London Boroughs Association. As a consequence she was afforded a bird's eye view of the local government scene in the capital and access to negotiations with the Department of the Environment at national level.)

By the beginning of the 1980s, with unemployment becoming a problem, councils took an increasing interest in job creation initiatives. Returning to Basildon as a principal corporate development officer, Angela found economic development part of her new brief. (Promoted, twice, to become assistant town manager — effectively deputy chief executive — she amassed experience of further areas of council activity including decentralisation initiatives and public relations.

So to Redditch in 1985 as England's first woman chief executive. In the last three years, in line with the leadership's intentions, she has presided over a period of change more hectic than at any time in local government history. Redditch commissioned surveys of its tenants to identify what they wanted, rather than what the council thought they should want. It collaborated with the business community in promoting commercial prospects for the area.

Of her relationship with elected members, she suggests that good professionals find the tension creative rather than restrictive. "If you weren't capable of working with politicians you wouldn't be in local government at this level. Of course they have their bees in the bonnet. Why not? They are elected to carry out programmes they believe in. We are here to advise on the implications and to carry out what they decide on the basis of that advice."

She agrees that not having children is a factor in her rising so far so fast. It has, perhaps, also allowed her to negotiate with her new employers a term contract of the kind increasingly favoured for top managers. Whereas the going rate for a chief executive of a metropolitan borough is about £40,000, her own is higher — "to compensate for the greater insecurity" — for the five-year agreement.

She says: "I've always enjoyed the work. It is stressful, but perhaps one learns to hide stress better. By and large councils do a lot of good. Local government has been responsible for many innovatory activities, some of which the government has taken over."

NOTICEBOARD

Poly jobs increase

■ Good news for polytechnic graduates. A report published last month shows that more students graduating from polys, men and women, are moving directly into employment after leaving college. For the first time fewer than one in 10 are believed to be unemployed six months after graduating.

The report, published by the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services, also reveals a trend towards finance and science with fewer polytechnic graduates entering the civil service and local government.

There were significant increases in the numbers of graduates heading for jobs in marketing management, computing, finance and scientific research.

The report, *First Destinations of Polytechnic Students Qualifying in 1987*, is available, price £11.50 (inc p & p) from the Committee of Directors of Polytechnics, Kirkham House, 12/14 Whitfield Street, London W1P 6AX (01-637 9939).

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Prospective candidates wishing to have an informal discussion with Melvyn Jeremiah, the Chief Executive of the Authority, may contact Mrs Bridget Hunt on 01-636 6811 ext 3308.

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BOXING: MIDDLEWEIGHTS HEAD TOWARDS RECKONING

New Year date for Benn and Watson if Duff is agreeable

From Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent, Las Vegas

British supporters may see the bout they have been waiting for in the New Year. Nigel Benn, of West Ham, and Michael Watson, of Islington, will meet at last on January 4. Watson's manager, Mickey Duff said yesterday that Benn's agent, Frank Maloney, had made him an offer that he is thinking of accepting.

Duff, here for talks with Don King on the Bruno-Tyson contest, said: "Maloney has made me a very good offer for Michael Watson to fight Nigel Benn. I am very close to an agreement but first we have to negotiate a few items including television. It is a risky fight and I would want my man to be very well paid for it."

The bout, which has the same sell-out attraction of the Mark Kaylor-Errol Christie middleweight confrontation in 1985, has an added interest because Benn was seen to have a weak chin in his recent Commonwealth title defence against Anthony Logan, of Jamaica.

Benn was on the floor in the first round and out on his feet in the second when he pulled out a lucky punch to save his title. Duff clearly fancies his man's chances after that showing.

Before meeting Watson, Benn must, however, survive a second defence of his Commonwealth title at Crystal Palace on December 10. The opponent will be the Zambian, Mike Chilambi, another explosive puncher, or the Trinidadian, David Noel, or Israel Cole, an American-based boxer from Sierra Leone who had a technical draw with Watson in July.

Duff, meanwhile, has also said that Bruno's January 14 date to meet Tyson could be changed yet again and Duff would not be surprised if Bruno was kept waiting till April.

Tyson, who is likely to start training next week and is thought to be over 250lbs at the moment, has yet to sign the contract. The delay is thought to be caused by King, who is close to Tyson, wanting a four-year promotional contract for Tyson's bouts.

Bruno's No. 1 status will not be affected by the delay as, according to Duff, the World Boxing Council ruled at its recent annual convention that Bruno remains Tyson's next opponent, however long it takes the champion to step into the ring.

● Terry Marsh hopes to return to the ring in Basildon on March 4 — two years to the day after he became world champion. The comeback depends on him being given back his boxing licence by the British Board of Control and, despite being diagnosed as epileptic a year ago, Marsh says he is "100 per cent hopeful".

ICE HOCKEY

Hand finds the net for 400th time

By Norman de Mesquita

Tony Hand, the only British-trained player ever to be drafted by a National Hockey League club, scored his 400th Heineken League goal on Sunday. He contributed to Murrayfield Racers' home win over struggling Tayside Tigers, who also lost at home to Durham Wasps on Saturday.

Wasps had a 24-goal weekend to retain their 100 per cent record. They have scored 93 goals in seven games and the supply of home-bred players continues as testimony to the excellence of the organization.

Nottingham Panthers continue to succeed, thanks to their faith in British talent allied to shrewd deployment of their imports. A home-and-away double over Solihull Barons took them into third place in the premier division.

Last week's first division leaders, Slough Jets, staged the comeback of the week, rallying from a 6-2 deficit to snatch a 9-9 draw with the Lee Valley Lions, but they lost their lead in the table to Cardiff Devils, who had an easy home win over Telford Tigers.

Great Britain returns to senior world championship competition next March after an absence of seven years. That absence, according to the British Ice Hockey Association, was to allow for the development of young players. However, the preliminary list of 32 players for the senior squad includes only three teenagers and there seems little regard to form.

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: Premier division: Fife Flyers 8, Ayr Bruins 2; Nottingham Pathers 8, Solihull Barons 6; Tayside Tigers 9, Durham Wasps 12; Durham Wasps 12, Whitley Warriors 4; Murrayfield Racers 9, Tayside Tigers 5; Peterborough Pirates 13, Streatham Redskins 4; Solihull Barons 3, Nottingham Pathers 8. First division: Cleveland Bombers 2, Romford Raiders 2; Swindon Wildcats 15, Richmon Flyers 3; Telford Tigers 12, Glasgow Eagles 4; Cardiff Devils 10, Telford Tigers 3; Deeside Dragons 8, Swindon Wildcats 4, Lee Valley Lions 9, Slough Jets 9; Trafford Metros 12, Glasgow Eagles 9. Autumn Trophy: Final, first leg: Medway Bears 4, Cardiff Devils 9.

GOLF

English Open is on move

The Belfry, at Sutton Coldfield, will stage the new English Open Championship for the next three years.

The tournament will be held on June 15 to 18 next year and the details of the sponsorship will be announced next month. The Belfry will also be the venue, in September next year, for the Ryder Cup match between Europe and the United States.

The English Open was launched at Royal Birkdale in September, without a sponsor. It was underwritten by the EGP Sports Group and the European Tour Enterprises and next year will have substantially increased prize-money of £250,000.

The tournament will carry points towards Ryder Cup team selection and Brian Cash, chief executive at The Belfry, said: "It has always been our aim to have a major championship here every year."

Howard Clark, who won the first English Open at Birkdale, plans to defend his title.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Wrapped up: Kelm, the Rams linebacker, halts a two-yard rush by Toney for Philadelphia

Everett leads Rams astray

By Robert Kirley

In a match-up of wily young quarterbacks, Cunningham passed for 323 yards and three touchdowns and the Philadelphia Eagles intercepted four Everett passes to defeat the Los Angeles Rams 30-24 in the National Football League.

Cunningham completed scoring passes of 22 and two yards to Jackson and of 37 yards to Byars. Luis Zendejas aided the winning cause with field goals of 50, 40 and 23 yards. The Philadelphia defenders, Hoage, Young, Brown and Frizzell, intercepted tosses by Everett, who entered the game having given up only five interceptions. Everett managed scoring passes of 25 and 14 yards.

Lohmiller kicked a 23-yard field goal in the last minute to give the Washington Redskins a 27-24 win over the New Orleans Saints. Tenacious defense powered the Buffalo Bills to a 13-3 victory over the Seattle Seahawks. Rushing by Stephens and passing by Flutie enabled the New England Patriots to beat the Miami Dolphins 21-10. The Los Angeles Raiders rallied in the fourth quarter to beat the San Diego Chargers 13-3 and gain a share of the lead in the American Conference west division.

Dallas fumbled three times in the first half and Simms capitalized with three touchdowns, leading the New York Giants to a 29-21 win over the Dallas Cowboys. Taylor, the New York linebacker, forced two of the fumbles by sacking Pelluer.

Tomczak completed two touchdown passes as the Chicago Bears beat the Tampa Bay Buccaneers 28-10 in a game dedicated to the Chicago coach, Mike Ditka, who is recovering from a heart attack. Vince Tobin, the defensive co-ordinator, was the acting coach.

Brown caught seven passes for 216 yards, a club record, as the Cincinnati Bengals beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 42-7. Chuck Noll, the Pittsburgh coach, suggested that his players not accept their pay packets.

RESULTS: NY Giants 29, Dallas 21; Minnesota 44, Detroit 17; Atlanta 20, Green Bay 0; Philadelphia 30, LA Rams 24; New England 21, Miami 10; Cincinnati 42, Pittsburgh 7; Chicago 28, Tampa Bay 10; Indianapolis 38, NY Jets 14; Phoenix 24, San Francisco 23; Washington 27, New Orleans 24; Denver 17, Kansas City 11; Buffalo 13, Seattle 3; LA Raiders 13, San Diego 3.

American Conference	W	L	T	PF	PA
East division					
Buffalo Bills	9	1	0	212	142
NY Jets	5	4	1	220	222
Indianapolis Colts	5	5	0	243	183
Miami Dolphins	5	5	0	186	203
New England Patriots	5	5	0	176	209
Central division					
Cincinnati Bengals	8	2	0	294	185
Cleveland Browns	6	3	0	153	132
Houston Oilers	6	3	0	215	213
Pittsburgh Steelers	2	6	0	196	279
West division					
Denver Broncos	5	5	0	207	206
LA Raiders	5	5	0	204	219
Seattle Seahawks	5	5	0	161	187
San Diego Chargers	2	8	0	119	199
Kansas City Chiefs	1	8	1	123	166

National Conference	W	L	T	PF	PA
East division					
NY Giants	7	3	0	219	198
Phoenix Cardinals	5	4	0	238	219
Washington Redskins	6	4	0	243	236
Philadelphia Eagles	5	5	0	233	211
Dallas Cowboys	2	8	0	169	211
Central division					
Chicago Bears	8	2	0	192	123
Minnesota Vikings	6	4	0	249	179
Detroit Lions	2	8	0	129	210
Green Bay Packers	2	8	0	160	207
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	2	8	0	175	251
West division					
LA Rams	7	3	0	268	180
New Orleans Saints	7	3	0	214	176
San Francisco 49ers	6	4	0	222	196
Atlanta Falcons	3	7	0	188	244

● Does not include last night's game: Houston Oilers v Cleveland Browns.

FIXTURES: Sunday: Washington v Chicago; Kansas City v Cincinnati; Green Bay v Indianapolis; NY Jets v New England; Pittsburgh v Philadelphia; Atlanta v San Diego; Detroit v Tampa Bay; Phoenix v NY Giants; LA Rams v New Orleans; San Francisco v LA Raiders; Denver v Cleveland; Seattle v Houston; Dallas v Minnesota. Monday: Miami v Buffalo.

RACING

Aintree to spend six-figure sum on improvements

By Jack Waterman

Improvements to Aintree racecourse worth £100,000, partly funded through SIS money, are to be made before the 1989 Seagram Grand National.

This was announced yesterday by John Parrett, recently appointed clerk of the course in succession to the late John Hughes.

The saddling boxes around the parade ring are to be refurbished; the racecourse itself will benefit from an additional 4½ furlongs of plastic rails, and there will be improvements in the weighing room area.

These are a further welcome step towards ensuring that facilities at the home of the world's greatest steeplechase match the prize-money for the three-day festival, which is now lavish by National Hunt standards.

The announcement of Aintree's step forward was made at the Whitsbury stables of David Elsworth, trainer of the 1988 National winner, Rhyme 'N' Reason.

This happy idea, combined with a run-down on Elsworth's current prospects, was conceived by Hughes, who did so much for Aintree and whose memorial service takes place this Thursday at St Martins in the Fields.

From Edinburgh, by helicopter through the fog, came Ivan Straker, the chairman of Seagrams, who landed near the gallops which Sir Gordon Richards used to say were "the best in the world" when he trained here 20 years ago.

Desert Orchid, star of the stable, was led out of his box by stable lass Janice Coyle and, with a race behind him already, looked very fit.

Surprisingly, the Seagram Grand National itself is at least pencilled in for Desert Orchid, whose first main objective is the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day.

Elsworth said: "Like every trainer, I like to keep plans flexible but Aintree's a possibility and it could be a course Desert Orchid likes. Obviously, the handicapper would take a severe view.

"It's an exciting prospect and the same applies to Cavvies Clown, who would be particularly well suited to the track."

As if these two do not give the stable a strong enough hand, Elsworth went on to warn that his new acquisition from John Edwards, Cerlman, could also spring a surprise come next April.

Playschool ready to run

Playschool, a disappointing favourite in last season's Cheltenham Gold Cup, will reappear on the same track in the Allied Dunbar Handicap Chase on Friday, provided the ground is no firmer than good (George Rae writes).

"He's well and ready to go," his regular jockey, Paul Nicholls, said yesterday, "but the going will be the deciding factor. He was also entered for a handicap on the Saturday but he won't go for that as winning it would give him a 5lb penalty for the Hennessy. That wouldn't be the case if he won on Friday."

Should he not run this week, David Barons's 10-year-old has no other engagements before attempting to complete a double in the Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury on November 26.

"I'm sure we'll find somewhere with good ground to give him a workout before then," Nicholls said. "And remember he won first time out at Newbury two seasons ago."

Celtic Chief, third to Celtic Shot in last season's Champion Hurdle, is declared for the ASW Hurdle on Friday although he is not a certain runner. Alternatives include the more valuable Fighting Fifth Hurdle at Newcastle the following day.

Quick return to sales

Look Lively, a decisive winner at Newbury last Wednesday, makes his second appearance at the sales in three weeks next Monday (Christopher Goulding writes).

The Barry Hills-trained gelding was sent to the Tattersalls Horses In Training Sale at Newmarket last month when he attracted a bid of 10,000 guineas from the British Bloodstock Agency on behalf of Charlie Brooks. However, Look Lively was "spun" by the vet due to a wind abnormality.

Hills dismissed such claims as ludicrous and was determined to prove a point that all was well. His judgement was vindicated when Look Lively won at Newbury in the manner of a good horse.

The three-year-old will now return to the sales ring at Doncaster. Michael Heaton-Ellis, deputy racing manager for owner Sheikh Mohammed, said: "He is only going to the sales to make room for the yearlings."

A spokeswoman at Hills's Manton stable said yesterday: "We think the reason the vets weren't happy with the horse's wind was that he had not been in serious work leading up to the sales and was a bit stuffy."

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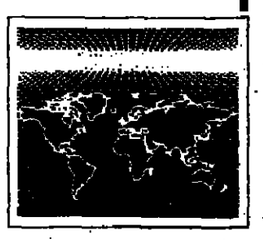

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Another Schedule to excel for Brooks

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

With 11 winners from 33 runners, Charlie Brooks has made the sort of start to his first season with a licence that most trainers only dream about.

Following a treble on Saturday, he now appears to have an excellent chance of winning the Woolea Lambskin Products of Street Novices' Chase at Devon and Exeter today with **Another Schedule**.

The prevailing good ground is a pre-requisite as far as Another Schedule is concerned. For he ran his only bad races last season when he lost his action in soft going.

When the ground was to his liking at Doncaster in February he put up quite a smart performance to beat Inde Pulse by a short head over hurdles.

In his first steeplechase at Wincanton 12 days ago, Another Schedule ran well to take third place behind Pharoah's Laen and Random Charge over two miles and five furlongs.

I formed the impression that day that he would do even better over a slightly shorter trip and today's distance of two miles and a furlong looks ideal.

He certainly looks a more natural jumper than Bold Impression, Dawn Prince, Malicho and Wild Deal who all fell last time out.

Charlie Brooks: excellent strike rate in first season

Okeetee, who like Another Schedule belongs to Mrs Gary Black, has also made the trip to the West Country course for the second division of the Whitbread Best Bitter Novices' Hurdle.

While conceding that it was no disgrace to be beaten 10 lengths at Worcester first time out by Imadyna, especially in view of the way that the latter then won at Ascot, I still feel that Okeetee will be hard pressed to beat Tim Forster's recent import from Ireland, **Fiddlers Three**, who ran out an easy winner over the same course and distance 11 days ago.

Later in the day stable and travelling companion **Free Travel** can complete a double for Forster by winning the Tote Girls Handicap Hurdle.

First time out he was a creditable third at Wincanton to Noble Storm, who added further weight to the form by winning again at Kempton last Thursday.

The earlier division of the novice hurdle may be best left to **Auction Law**, who showed the requisite ability when winning a couple of bumper races at Hereford in the spring.

When **Little Polveir** contests the Happy Eater Restaurant West Country Champion Challenge Trophy he will be running in the race for the third year in the row.

After finishing second at the first attempt, he won it 12 months ago, giving Dart Over 13lb and a four-length beating.

So, following that bloodless victory at Fontwell three weeks ago, he should have nothing to fear from Dart Over now that he will be meeting him on 5lb better terms compared with last year.

A more obvious danger is Midnight Madness who was only caught on the line by Church Warden at Chepstow where Broadheath was 15 lengths adrift in third.

At Hereford, **Lefrak City** will be attempting to win the Westbury Homes Handicap Chase for the second time in succession. If he succeeds he will underline **Super Spark**'s chance of winning the Hugh Sumner Challenge Bowl half an hour later. For they were second and third behind Royal Stag at Kempton last time out.

As Royal Stag was then far from disgraced in his next race at Ascot, I expect them both to succeed.

The Thinker back

The Thinker returns to action in the Arpal Conquest Handicap Chase at Kelso tomorrow. Trainer Arthur Stephenson said yesterday: "If everything goes well from now until Wednesday, the horse will run." Alan Merrigan rides the 1987 Gold Cup winner.

Team of the year: Michael Roberts and Mtoto, winners of the Eclipse and King George

DEVON & EXETER

Selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Auction Law.
1.45 Fiddlers Three.
2.15 Little Polveir.
2.45 That There.
3.15 ANOTHER SCHEDULE (nap).
3.45 Free Travel.

By Michael Seely
1.45 Fiddlers Three. 2.15 Midnight Madness.

Going: good

1.15 WHITBREAD BEST BITTER NOVICE HURDLE (Div I: £840: 2m 1f) (13 runners)

1 22220-1 SAYFAR'S LAD 27 (G) (A Whiting) M Pipe 4-11-7 ..... P Scudamore ● 99
2 0/0P6P- AFFINATIVE 293 (M Jarvis) J Old 6-11-0 ..... —
3 11- AUCTION LAW 194 (F,G) (Mrs B Gittins) D Barons 4-11-0 ..... P Nicholls —
4 BRIMSTONE HILL (Lord Chelsea) T Forster 5-11-0 ..... —
6 020 COMMANCHE BRAVE 33 (C Popham) C Popham 5-11-0 ..... B Powell —
9 00/-0000 EVESHAM BUTCHERS 7 (Evesham Butchers) J Bennett 6-11-0 ..... S Shilston —
10 P/- LORD CRUSTY 538 (M Astt) R Holder 5-11-0 ..... N Coleman —
11 00/-F MR LAUREL 10 (H Chisman) Mrs B Waring 6-11-0 ..... J Robson —
12 UPHAM RAINBOW (R Brinkworth) D Gandolfo 5-11-0 ..... I Shoemark (4) —
13 6/P- COTEHELE 424 (A Foster) T Hallett 5-10-9 ..... D Morris —
14 0/00P-0 DIDNELPS 18 (S Wilcox) P Rodford 7-10-9 ..... P McLoughlin (7) —
15 300-0 FAIRFIELDS CONE 11 (Mrs C Holder) R Dickin 5-10-9 ..... M Jones (7) —
16 0P00-P0 FREE TWIST 19 (W Fisher) G Thorner 5-10-9 ..... S Donohoe (7) —

BETTING: 4-5 Sayfar's Lad, 7-2 Auction Law, 5-1 Commanche Brave, 8-1 Brimstone Hill, 14-1 Affinative, 16-1 others.

1987: THEODAS 6-11-0 R Millman (8-1) L Cottrell 16 ran

FORM SAYFAR'S LAD easily landed the odds when winning a maiden event at Plumpton (2m) by 7l from Queens Anthem with FREE TWIST (7lb better off) pulled up before the 7th. AUCTION LAW makes his debut over hurdles after successes in bumper events at Hereford last season - beating Jeassu 4l on the second occasion. COMMANCHE BRAVE is another to face hurdles for the first time. Best effort when 6l 2nd to Alaqui in a Ludlow (2m) bumper. FAIRFIELDS CONE, a poor 8th of 17 behind Fiddlers Three over course and distance on hurdling debut. Showed little in three bumpers last season.
Selection: SAYFAR'S LAD

1.45 WHITBREAD BEST BITTER NOVICE HURDLE (Div II: £852: 2m 1f) (14 runners)

1 F434-1 FIDDLERS THREE 11 (CD,S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 5-11-7 ..... L Harvey ● 99
2 ANTI ROO (T McGovern) T McGovern 6-11-0 ..... P Corrigan —
3 6/500-0 BOLT HEAD 32 (C Lewis) D Barons 5-11-0 ..... N Hawke (7) —
4 1 BORDER ARCHER 33 (F) (R Wright) P Hobbs 4-11-0 ..... Peter Hobbs —
5 401-480 CANTORIAL 17 (Mrs C Hayton) C Popham 7-11-0 ..... K Mooney 89
7 000-3P COCK A LEEKIE 14 (Food Brokers Ltd) D Barons 5-11-0 ..... P Nicholls 71
8 FIRTH OF FORTH (R Bott Ltd) O Sherwood 5-11-0 ..... S Sherwood —
11 0002-2 OKEETEE 32 (Mrs V Black) C Brooks 5-11-0 ..... B de Haan 94
12 POP SONG (G Roe) G Ham 4-11-0 ..... B Powell —
13 21- THE FLY BOYS 403 (F) (B Forsey) B Forsey 6-11-0 ..... N Coleman —
16 050/0-00 CAELESTIS 46 (M Humby) G Balding 5-10-9 ..... S Moore —
17 0 DIZZY QUEEN 28 (E Eveleigh) P Hobbs 4-10-9 ..... D Hood (7) —
18 000-00 MISTRESS ROSS 25 (K Ogden) G Thorner 5-10-9 ..... J White —
19 0F1305- MY PURPLE PROSE 190 (S) (N Dempster) J Old 7-10-9 ..... S McNeill —

BETTING: 5-4 Fiddlers Three, 6-4 Okeetee, 6-1 Cantorial, 8-1 Bold Archer, 12-1 Firth Of Forth, 16-1 others.

1987: DICK KNIGHT 6-11-0 G McCourt (20-1) K Ivory 18 ran

FORM FIDDLERS THREE, ex-Irish gelding, made a winning debut in this country when beating Blue Rainbow over course and distance. BOLT HEAD was in need of the race when 7th of 16 behind Pradel at Worcester (2m4f) on seasonal debut. BORDER ARCHER made a successful debut when winning a bumper at Cheltenham (2m) by 4l from Riverbrio. COCK A LEEKIE pulled up last time. Previously 17½l 3rd to Earl Hansel in a similar event at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd). OKEETEE was a one-paced 10l 2nd of 13 to Imadyna at Worcester (2m 4f) with CANTORIAL (same terms) 5l further back in 4th. Runs as though he would be better suited by 3m. THE FLY BOYS won a bumper at Hereford (2m) by 2½l from Gara Star on final start last term. MY PURPLE PROSE showed all her form last season over fences.
Selection: FIDDLERS THREE

2.15 HAPPY EATER RESTAURANT WEST COUNTRY CHAMPION CHALLENGE TROPHY (Handicap chase: £4,448: 3m 5f) (6 runners)

2 U536P-2 MIDNIGHT MADNESS 38 (F,S) (D Bloomfield) D Bloomfield 10-11-7 ..... D Morris 91
3 035UP-1 LITTLE POLVEIR 21 (CD,G,S) (M Shone) J Edwards 11-11-4 ..... Mr P Fenton ● 99
4 2421PF- DART OVER 231 (G,S) (P Pocock) Miss L Pocock 12-10-9 ..... M Williams 86
5 0FPP-32 BROADHEATH 28 (F,G,S) (M Marsh) D Barons 11-10-7 ..... P Nicholls 91
7 4U-2211 GLENSIDE JERRY 11 (C,F,G,S) (O Jones) G Balding 8-10-0 ..... J Frost 92
9 12-612P BEACONSIDE 28 (B,C,BF,F) (J Brooks) J Brooks 11-10-0 ..... N Hawke (7) 63

Long handicap: Glenside Jerry 9-11, Beaconside 7-10.
BETTING: 9-4 Midnight Madness, 11-4 Little Polveir, 4-1 Glenside Jerry, 6-1 Broadheath, 8-1 Dart Over, 12-1 Beaconside.

1987: LITTLE POLVEIR 10-11-7 T Morgan (11-4 fav) J Edwards 8 ran

FORM MIDNIGHT MADNESS made a very pleasing seasonal debut when a short-head 2nd to Church Warden at Chepstow (3m) with BROADHEATH (9lb better off) 15l 3rd. He is a genuine and consistent gelding. BROADHEATH has subsequently finished 12l 2nd to Tarqogan's Best at Newton Abbot (2m 5f). LITTLE POLVIER made a winning reappearance when beating Donaghoyne ¾l at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd). DART OVER won a Nottingham (3m 4f) handicap in March, by a head from Tracys Special, but has disappointed on his two starts since. GLENSIDE JERRY beat BEACONSIDE (24lb worse off) and The Thirsty Farmer 2½l here over 3m 1f.
Selection: MIDNIGHT MADNESS (nap)

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TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Ham	10	43	23.3	S Sherwood	9	29	31.0
M Pipe	49	211	23.2	P Scudamore	32	122	26.2
G Balding	14	78	17.9	N Hawke	3	15	20.0
J Bradley	7	44	15.9	B Powell	31	187	16.6
P Hobbs	11	74	14.9	G Davies	6	37	16.2
T Forster	5	36	13.9	A Webb	6	40	15.0

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2.45 WHITBREAD BEST BITTER JUVENILE SELLING HURDLE (3-Y-O: £624: 2m 1f) (10 runners)

1 51121 THAT THERE 11 (CD,F,S) (J Chard) M Pipe 11-1 ..... P Scudamore ● 99
3 6P BEWITCHING WIND 11 (N Pay) B Stevens 10-10 ..... S Moore —
7 03 FIREWORK WILLIAM 11 (V) (M Rogers) G Balding 10-10 ..... J Frost —
9 P LITTLE HAWTHORNS 31 (D Gardner) J Bradley 10-10 ..... G Davies —
10 P MICK MULLIGAN 5 (B) (A Wakeham) R Juckes 10-10 ..... — —
11 OLDE CYDER (J Bradley) J Bradley 10-10 ..... M Williams —
12 P03346 LAUGHING-MISSIE 11 (Stud Power Ltd) W G Turner 10-5 ..... G Charles-Jones —
13 P TAUPIE 11 (J Thompson) B Stevens 10-5 ..... M Stevens (7) —
14 T CATTY 7F (Full Circle Plc) N Tinkler 10-5 ..... G McCourt —
15 THE MILTON LADY (T Connor) G Thorner 10-5 ..... J White —

BETTING: 1-2 That There, 7-2 T Catty, 6-1 Firework William, 8-1 Bewitching Wind, 10-1 Laughing Missie, 12-1 others.

1987: JETMORE 10-10 R Rowell (8-1) Miss L Bower 18 ran

FORM THAT THERE beat Restless Wave 5l at Devon, (2m 1f, good to soft), with FIREWORK WILLIAM (3lb better off) 25l 3rd, LAUGHING-MISSIE (3lb better off) 11½l 6th and BEWITCHING WIND, TAUPIE and LITTLE HAWTHORNS tailed off when pulled up. MICK MULLIGAN pulled hard and weakened quickly when pulled up on hurdling debut at Stratford (2m seller, good) last time. T CATTY, modest maiden at 1m 2f on the Flat, looks much the best of those making hurdling and comes from a stable that does well in these events.
Selection: THAT THERE

3.15 WOOLEA LAMBSKIN PRODUCTS LTD OF STREET NOVICE CHASE (£3,186: 2m 1f) (13 runners)

1 21F40-3 ANOTHER SCHEDULE 12 (F,G) (Mrs V Black) C Brooks 7-11-0 ..... B de Haan ● 99
4 4153P/-F BOLD IMPRESSION 24 (G) (R Jenks) N Gaselee 7-11-0 ..... R Boucher (7) —
5 4040-1F DAWN PRINCE 26 (BF,F) (Unity Farm Holiday Centre) P Hobbs 5-11-0 ..... Peter Hobbs —
6 P00062- DRAGONADE 192 (B Young) B Young 7-11-0 ..... P McLoughlin (7) 67
8 443-655 GREY TORNADO 28 (D Short) T Keanor 7-11-0 ..... G McCourt 94
9 0/1/F00- JUST THIS ONCE 255 (G) (Mrs J Robshaw) D Barons 7-11-0 ..... P Nicholls —
10 0/5F0P/- KEYBOARD KING 204 (S) (A Walker) D Wilson 7-11-0 ..... P Scudamore 80
11 P KILTON PARK 32 (T Pocock) R Pocock 6-11-0 ..... — —
13 0-2122F MALICHO 31 (G) (Eastern Quartet Ltd) G Balding 5-11-0 ..... J Frost —
17 4P535/P- SKYLARK WONDER 451 (A Hunt) C Popham 8-11-0 ..... B Powell —
18 0P6-35P STARDUST ROC 18 (E Hayward) J Bradley 5-11-0 ..... G Davies 79
22 3P503-F WILD DEAL 20 (B Akerman) W Fisher 7-11-0 ..... D Tegg 58
23 P/00F0- ROSE RED CITY 341 (Miss L Davis) N Dawe 7-10-9 ..... N Dawe —

BETTING: 7-4 Another Schedule, 7-2 Dawn Prince, 4-1 Malicho, 6-1 Wild Deal, 8-1 Dragonade, 10-1 Bold Impression, 16-1 others.

1987: BARNBROOK AGAIN 6-11-0 S Sherwood (1-2 fav) D Elsworth 11 ran

FORM ANOTHER SCHEDULE was 12½l 3rd to Pharoah's Laen at Wincanton (2m 5f, good) on seasonal bow. Made a lot of the running that day, but could not quicken in the straight and should improve for the race. GREY TORNADO was 11½l 5th to My Cup Of Tea at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm) last time with WILD DEAL (7lb better off) placed to challenge when failing 3 out and beat judged on his 2l 3rd to Scots Lad at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, firm) back in May. STARDUST ROC produced his best effort to date when 12½l 3rd to Pantomime Prince at Ludlow (2m, firm) on seasonal bow. DAWN PRINCE beat Kiri's Song 5l at Cheltenham (2m 4f, firm) penultimate start, but was beaten when failing 2 out last time. MALICHO was 2l 2nd to Earl Hansel here (2m 5f, hard) on penultimate start.
Selection: ANOTHER SCHEDULE

3.45 TOTE GIRLS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,914: 2m 1f) (17 runners)

1 21P0/ POLAR BEAR 605 (S) (Miss C McCulloch) O Sherwood 8-11-10 ..... S Sherwood —
2 10-2305 AMATORY 17 (F) (Mrs H Duffey) K Bailey 5-11-4 ..... P Scudamore 95
3 41PP3P- CIMA 203 (S) (W Sturt) J Old 10-11-2 ..... S McNeill —
4 1-F340F DANNY'S LUCK 12 (CD,F,G) (P Holden) D Barons 6-11-2 ..... P Nicholls 98
5 21211F SONNY HILL LAD 14 (F,G,S) (P Dening) R Holder 5-10-13 ..... N Coleman 94
6 65215-3 FREE TRAVEL 25 (G,S) (J Sumner) T Forster 5-10-11 ..... L Harvey 94
8 60/0P-44 FORCELLO 12 (S) (BTR & B Plc) G Balding 5-10-9 ..... J Frost 92
9 01150-6 SMITHY BEAR 11 (B,D,S) (Mrs J John) R Dickin 8-10-7 ..... W Humphreys (4) 93
11 24155/- FORT LINO 543 (S) (C Lewis) D Barons 5-10-3 ..... N Hawke (7) —
12 14003/0- BLENDERS CHOICE 8F (F) (M O'Connor) J King 6-10-2 ..... D Tegg —
14 6PP355- MEISTER 187 (CD,G,S) (J Old) J Old 8-10-2 ..... — —
15 U04F0-0 RIX WOODCOCK 7 (F,S) (S Cooper) G Kindersley 7-10-2 ..... B de Haan 97
16 030420- COLONEL POPSKI 12F (CD,F,S) (C Kirchin) Miss A King 6-10-1 ..... A Webb 96
18 412-P03 SOLENT LAD 17 (CD,G,S) (D Solan) B Stevens 5-10-0 ..... S Moore 95
21 P/4154P- ROMFUL PRINCE 237 (CD,S) (C Mitchell) C Mitchell 5-10-0 ..... Lorna Vincent ● 99
23 0P/0130- GALLOIS BOSQUET 314 (S) (T Bartlett) C Popham 7-10-0 ..... B Powell 86
25 00/1P/-P FAIR CHARTER 35 (CD,F) (D Short) T Keanor 6-10-0 ..... R Boucher (7) —

Long handicap: Solent Lad 9-12, Romful Prince 9-11, Gallois Bosquet 9-4, Fair Charter 8-13.
BETTING: 11-4 Sonny Hill Lad, 7-2 Romful Prince, 9-2 Free Travel, 6-1 Solent Lad, 8-1 Forcello, 12-1 Amatory, Smithy Bear, 14-1 others.

1987: THE LEGGETT 4-10-1 Peter Hobbs (5-1) P Hobbs 17 ran

FORM POLAR BEAR best effort to date 2l win in Grade 2 company at Leopardstown (2m 2f, good to soft) in Dec 1984. SOLENT LAD 2½l 3rd to Tamatour at Stratford (2m, good) last month with AMATORY (1lb better off) 1½l 5th. SMITHY BEAR 18l 6th and not knocked about behind Handy Lane here (2m 1f, good to soft) on seasonal bow and now should be ready to open his account. FREE TRAVEL 2l 3rd to Noble Storm at Wincanton (2m, good) last time. FORCELLO 2½l 4th to Point Made at Wincanton (2m, good) last month.
Selection: SMITHY BEAR

Fears over prize-money fuelled by continuing might of big battalions

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

The close of the 1988 Flat racing season still sees the lack of prize-money at all levels to be the most serious problem confronting the industry.

We are lagging way behind France, Ireland, the United States and other major racing powers. And in the European calendar only the Derby figured in the top 20 group one races in terms of prize-money value.

Internationally Britain ranked only sixth. The United States, with £580 million is way out in front, followed by Japan, France and Australia.

Significantly, Canada, hardly a major factor in the sport, offers its owners £60 million compared with Britain's total of £30 million.

Politically, the idea of government help to the industry is a non-starter. Obviously there are far more deserving causes. But, unfortunately, the rules of the game as laid down in the Betting and Gaming Act of 1962 have put the bookmakers in an impregnable position.

So a decision in favour of the Horserace Betting Levy Board in their dispute with the bookmakers over the 28th Levy Scheme is of paramount importance.

Superficially, all seems well. Continued heavy foreign investment at the international sales and in bloodstock and property generally has made the standard of racing in Britain just about the highest in the world.

However, a glance at the owners' and trainers' tables shows the reality of the situation. Quite simply, trainers with Arab support are continuing to dominate the situation with the rest nowhere.

Owners like the Maktoums and Khaled Abdulla are doubly welcome in Britain, not only for the employment they provide but also for the continuing maintenance of the high standard of the sport.

However, their presence masks the grave lack of funds in the middle and lower tiers. Competent trainers like John Winter, Patrick Haslam and Ron Sheather have found it necessary to give up the unequal struggle for existence in the Newmarket area alone.

However, enough of the gloom. The growing popularity of racing was underlined by a healthy increase in average attendances and the advent of satellite television has also shown an increase in betting turnover.

On the training front, Henry Cecil continues to dominate the scene. The flamboyant showman became champion for the eighth time in 13 years. And Cecil's matchless professional skills were equalled by his desire, as far as is possible, to keep the public informed about the progress of his horses.

Luca Cumani has become a major force. He trained his first Derby winner and, taking win and place money at home and abroad into account, he has won nearly £2 million in prize-money.

Guy Harwood, Barry Hills, Alec Stewart, Michael Stoute and John Dunlop all enjoyed fine seasons. Hills's total of 93 wins at Manton gave further evidence of the success of his move to Wiltshire.

The patient policy that has always been pursued at West Ilsley continues to pay dividends. Dick Hern remains firmly in control in the background and since the transference of the licence to Neil Graham in September, the stable has won three group one races with Minster Son, Prince Of Dance (dead-heat) and Al Hareb.

In the north of England, Jack Berry and David Chapman have continued to show that training skills are not only the prerogative of the powerful by their successful placing of comparatively cheap horses.

Lester Piggott, of course, remains the only national figure in the sport. The former maestro of the saddle has been released from prison on probation and his return to the training scene is eagerly awaited. Both he and his gallant wife, Susan, are warmly regarded and respected in the close-knit family of racing.

Pat Eddery became champion jockey for the sixth time, his brilliantly executed waiting tactics on Warning at Ascot being the most memorable moment of his season.

Willie Carson, five times former champion, was in inspired form in the autumn and continues to be a force for good as does Michael Roberts, whose riding of such stars as Mtoto and Indian Skimmer has been one of the highlights of the campaign.

Steve Cauthen has been missing since his accident at Goodwood at the end of August but his brilliant horsemanship had earlier been as much in evidence as ever, particularly in his handling of Diminuendo.

Those often neglected figures, the horses, are the real stars, though. Mtoto gets my vote for the horse of the year because of his devastating sprints in the Eclipse and King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes.

Kahyasi showed rugged determination in his English and Irish Derby wins and Cecil has shown us two outstanding fillies in Diminuendo and Indian Skimmer.

And despite his defeat here on Saturday, Warning was the outstanding colt over a mile in Europe.

The Jockey Club has kept a mainly low profile. Their guidelines over the use of the whip, which were laid down at the beginning of the season, proved as effective as they were necessary.

And the introduction of the five-day entry scheme, designed to streamline the system, is awaited with interest and perhaps with trepidation by some trainers.

With no financial help likely to be forthcoming from outside the industry, the accent remains on self-help. The concept of the Cartier Million was a shining example in this respect.

Schemes like this obviously need keeping in balance and proportion, but the outburst by Lord Fairhaven, the senior steward of the Jockey Club, against such ideas at a dinner in Paris was as untimely as it was ill-judged.

More than ever, racing needs a stronger degree of professional management, under the joint aegis of the Levy Board and the Jockey Club.

Leading owners

	Wins	Value (£)
Sheikh Mohammed	122	1,143,354
H Al-Maktoum	112	724,749
K Abdulla	61	721,140
Aga Khan	41	612,086
Ahmed Al-Maktoum	28	497,797
R Sangster	56	445,562
C St George	16	222,334
M Al-Maktoum	24	184,856
Lady Beaverbrook	8	176,575

The top 12 trainers and jockeys of 1988

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Runners	Win prize money
H Cecil	112	76	37	370	1,186,122
L Cumani	73	61	39	277	815,015
G Harwood	73	57	31	306	712,557
E Hills	93	81	68	521	625,776
A Stewart	40	25	22	194	594,905
M Stoute	99	70	59	448	552,561
J Dunlop	66	64	60	582	440,764
J Tree	30	29	15	147	358,199
R Armstrong	36	40	17	211	305,532
N Graham	11	13	4	71	278,237
G Wragg	31	22	27	194	277,950
M H Easterby	54	46	50	494	271,881

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Rides	£ stake
Pat Eddery	183	127	97	876	+25.07
W Carson	130	100	87	833	-138.09
R Roberts	121	120	84	777	-29.95
R Cochrane	120	98	89	755	-124.31
S Cauthen	104	96	53	582	-198.59
M Birch	95	80	80	722	-143.13
W R Swinburn	88	80	71	597	-172.10
J Reid	79	64	90	645	-4.68
B Raymond	77	65	66	626	-69.38
G Duffield	77	72	73	714	-300.45
M Hills	76	77	80	583	-121.31
T Ives	62	60	63	511	-90.71

HEREFORD

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Gunner Stream.
1.30 Flori Wonder.
2.00 Master Muck.
2.30 Lefrak City.
3.00 Super Spark.
3.30 Beech Park.
4.00 Twilight Moth.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.00 SUPER SPARK (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.00 GUNNER STREAM.

Going: good

1.0 LUGG NOVICES HURDLE (£799: 2m 3f) (15 runners)

2 001-3 ADAMS IMPRINT 12 (F) (D Lowe) J Edwards 5-11-0 ..... T Morgan 79
3 0- ARNOLD'S CHOICE 129 (B) (D Ferguson) P Ransom 4-11-0 ..... S Smith Eccles —
5 BIRCHGROVE CENTRAL 496F (Bryn Paling Limited) B Paling 4-11-0 ..... C Evans —
6 60-4/P- BUCK AND DOE RUN 341 (M Henriques) M Henriques 7-11-0 ..... H Davies —
10 00-3 GLITSEY PUSS 19 (Winterbourne Construction Ltd) L Corbett 5-11-0 ..... Mr G Upton (7) 77
11 323-2 GUNNER STREAM 11 (V Kelly) R Holder 4-11-0 ..... E Murphy ● 99
12 F033-P5 HA'PENNY BRIDGE 12 (M Bull) N Ayliffe 5-11-0 ..... M Ayliffe 88
13 P0F-220 HIGHLAND LAIRD 59 (C Finch) J Ringer 4-11-0 ..... P Tuck 82
15 0003-5 MOORSTOWN RAMBLER 19 (P Bancroft) M Oliver 5-11-0 ..... J Railton (7) —
17 2000- OFFICIAL ENOUGH 355 (F) (J Woodland) T Caldwell 9-11-0 ..... Peter Caldwell (7) —
23 0/0-0 SPARTAN CHIEF 10 (H Taylor) Mrs G Jones 7-11-0 ..... R Chapman —
24 354806 SQUIRE JIM 3 (D Wellon) R Brazington 4-11-0 ..... B Wright 75
26 56- BOOK TOKEN 227 (R Healy-Fenton) D Nicholson 5-10-9 ..... D Evans (7) —
28 0PPF-00 LUCY KING 15 (R Croft) Mrs J Croft 7-10-9 ..... W Hayes (7) —
29 TRUE CLOWN (Mrs S Orton) D Nicholson 6-10-9 ..... R Dunwoody —

BETTING: 2-1 Gunner Stream, 5-2 Adams Imprint, 11-2 Highland Laird, 7-1 Moorstown Rambler, 12-1 Ha'penny Bridge, Book Token, 14-1 Glitsey Puss, 16-1 others.

1987: RELATIVELY EASY 4-10-9 R Dunwoody (10-1) D Nicholson 17 ran

1.30 FOWNHOPE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£745: 3m 1f) (12 runners)

4 112520 FLORI WONDER 31 (CD,F,G) (G Antill) J Davies 8-11-10 ..... Mr C Burnett-Wells (7) 94
6 500000 RYANS DOVE 12 (S) (M Pipe) M Pipe 7-11-7 ..... J Lower 92
7 0PP-245 NO CREDIBILITY 17 (M Stewart) B Richmond 6-11-6 ..... C Richmond 97
9 100-643 GILLIE'S WAFFLE 18 (G) (K Pinfield) B Smart 7-11-2 ..... T Pinfield (7) 90
10 606P0-6 NIALAN 38 (B,G,S) (N De Savary) N Thomson 8-11-2 ..... S Earle —
11 0P/P1- STOCKSIGN 225 (C,F,S) (Miss D Key) B Key 7-11-0 ..... C Smith 95
12 0323-44 BUTE BOUQUET 17 (G Pickering) R Juckes 6-10-13 ..... C Osborne ● 99
15 0P/5005 CLOUD CHASER 10 (B) (Mrs C R Hayton) B Forsey 5-10-8 ..... C Llewellyn 98
16 FP-00PP MATCHLESSLY 32 (B Gordon) P Pritchard 5-10-8 ..... R Stronge —
17 025963 THE BATCHLOR 10 (J Armstrong) M Castell 5-10-8 ..... A O'Hagan 94
19 000P-5/ DUSTY FARLOW 734 (G) (Miss L Wallace) R Morris 9-10-8 ..... Miss L Wallace —
20 0/0/43P- MIDSUMMER WALK 301 (M Austin) N Ayliffe 6-10-8 ..... M Ayliffe 98

BETTING: 3-1 No Credibility, 4-1 Gillie's Waffle, 9-2 Flori Wonder, 5-1 Bute Bouquet, 10-1 Stocksign, The Batchlor, 12-1 Nialan, 16-1 others.

1987: ATKINS 6-10-10 M Perrett (6-1) G Enright 16 ran

2.0 ALLENSMORE CHASE (£2,035: 3m 1f) (6 runners)

1 580P-3 AMBER BLOSSOM 18 (Mrs J Peutherer) J Edwards 6-10-10 ..... T Morgan 87
10 00040-2 FOXCOPSE 31 (Mrs M Thomlinson) J Webber 5-10-10 ..... M Lynch ● 99
13 00603/2- MASTER ATTORNEY 459 (J Halewood) D McCain 8-10-10 ..... H Davies 89
14 00416-U MASTER MUCK 5 (S) (N Twiston-Davies) N Twiston-Davies 5-10-10 ..... R Dunwoody —
15 000/06P- SAMSUN 258 (G Rodwell) J Webber 6-10-10 ..... G Mernagh 95
17 006-04 CELTIC DREAM 12 (West Walk House Ltd) T Bill 5-10-5 ..... R Crank 84

BETTING: 6-4 Foxcopse, 2-1 Amber Blossom, 5-1 Master Muck, 10-1 Master Attorney, Celtic Dream, 16-1 Samsun.

1987: THATS FOR SURE 6-10-10 R Dunwoody (11-10 fav) D Nicholson 5 ran

2.30 WESTBURY HOMES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,393: 2m 3f) (5 runners)

1 P2122-5 KITTINGER 28 (G,S) (H Joel) A Turnell 7-12-0 ..... I Lawrence (7) 95
3 433345- RHOECUS 218 (B) (Mrs M Radbourne) B Smart 9-11-9 ..... R Dunwoody 96
4 6435-23 LEFRAK CITY 24 (CD,G,S) (Mrs D Twine) T Forster 11-11-9 ..... C Smith ● 99
6 5/P124-4 WINTER MEASURE 10 (F,G,S) (N Jones) Mrs G Jones 8-10-9 ..... Gee Armytage 91
8 P4/5P-1U CARDINAL'S OUTBURST 18 (F,G,S) Mrs S Armytage 13-10-2 ..... —

BETTING: 7-4 Lefrak City, 3-1 Kittinger, 4-1 Winter Measure, 6-1 Cardinal's Outburst, 10-1 Rhoecus.

1987: LEFRAK CITY 10-11-7 C Llewellyn (11-8 fav) T Forster 4 ran

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-8432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps. F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.0 HEREFORD HUGH SUMNER CHALLENGE BOWL (Handicap chase: £2,288: 2m) (5 runners)

1 131-142 SUPER SPARK 24 (D,BF,F,G,S) (R Perkins) S Christian 9-11-10 ..... J Osborne ● 99
2 421425 DEEP RIDGE 10 (D,F,S) (Mrs B Roberts) R Hodges 10-11-0 ..... W Irvine (4) 93
3 33P-21P ABBEYBRANEY 10 (D,BF,F,S) (Mrs E Ellis) P Cundell 9-10-12 (6ex) ..... R Stronge 98
4 00640P- DUNDALK BELLS 180 (D,S) (Mrs P Morton) T Morton 6-10-8 ..... H Davies 86
5 85-223P MARANZI 31 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs H Bare) J Coleson 10-10-8 ..... R Dunwoody 98

BETTING: 6-4 Super Spark, 2-1 Abbeyraney, 4-1 Deep Ridge, 7-1 Maranzi, 20-1 Dundalk Bells.

1987: HIZ 9-11-10 H Davies (5-2) T Forster 4 ran

3.30 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,443: 2m) (11 runners)

1 335F-1 PIPERS COPSE 14 (D,G) (Mrs J Locke) P Cundell 5-11-10 ..... M Perrett ● 99
3 2 BEECH PARK 17 (J Moms) D Nicholson 4-11-0 ..... R Dunwoody 90
4 0 BETRIM 18 (H Gooding) R Holder 4-11-0 ..... E Murphy —
7 052-0 FAITHFUL CHARLIE 14 (S Gallagher) R Holder 4-11-0 ..... — 82
8 00606-5 FRAMPTON HOUSE 12 (A Peachey) M Charles 6-11-0 ..... H Davies 72
9 0006F- GOLDFINGER 245 (J Pilkington) J Pilkington 5-11-0 ..... P Dever 76
11 23-2 MOUNTEBOR 11 (Mrs Jean Turpin) J Edwards 4-11-0 ..... T Morgan 91
12 60/ MUNDY STAR 544 (W Fry) R Hodges 6-11-0 ..... S Earle —
13 0-4 OWEN 17 (D Francis) B Smart 4-11-0 ..... T Pinfield (7) —
15 460- RUN FOR FREE 209 (R Freethy) A Turnell 4-11-0 ..... I Lawrence (7) 96
16 3-4 YOU'LL DO 14 (Miss E Robinson) T Forster 5-11-0 ..... C Llewellyn —

BETTING: 2-1 Pipers Copse, 3-1 Beech Park, 4-1 Mountebor, 6-1 Run For Free, 8-1 Owen, 10-1 Frampton House, 12-1 others.

1987: WESTERN DANDY 4-11-0 R Dunwoody (10-1) N Gaselee 13

Conclusive marathon victory has Welshman considering emigrating across the Atlantic

No one can keep up with this Jones

From Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent
New York

We could have been excused for thinking that Steve Jones had proved himself a world-class athlete. After all, he had a marathon world best in 1984 and another performance in 1985 that still ranks fourth on the all-time list; he also has world cross-country and Commonwealth Games bronze medals and many other fine runs to his credit.

Yet, even after his crushing victory in the New York Marathon on Sunday, winning by more than three minutes in 2 hours 8 minutes 20 seconds, it seems we have not seen anything yet. "Ideally, I would have liked another six months to prepare," Jones said yesterday as he nursed two large blisters that were the only evidence of a harder than usual run.

"One of the reasons I left the Royal Air Force was to give myself time to recover from training during the day. I wanted to give this running a real shot, see how good I could really be. With another six months, I dread to think what I could do."

So would his opponents. John Treacy, twice the world cross-country champion and the Olympic marathon silver medal-winner in 1984, was third on Sunday, but almost five minutes behind Jones. "That was a great run by Steve," he said. "Two hours eight minutes on this course is worth 2:06 in Rotterdam," he said, comparing Jones's performance with the world best, 2:06:49, set in the Dutch city earlier this year.

Dr Dave Martin, a renowned exercise physiologist as well as a marathon statistician, also marvelled at Jones's freshness at the end. "The way he finished was the best indicator for me. And to run a 'negative split' on this course is exceptional." A negative split entails covering the second half of a race faster than the first, and Jones achieved his halves of 1:04:14 and 1:04:06 on a New York course that is far harder in the second half. If further evidence of Jones's form is needed, then it is his three-minute advantage at the finish over Salvatore Bettiol in second place.

Jones returns home to Wales from his triumph this morning, though his future as an athlete — after leaving the RAF after 14 years' service — could be on this side of the Atlantic.

He spent the last two months training at altitude in Colorado as preparation for what critics agree is the best New York performance — Alberto Salazar's 2:08:13 in 1981 was on a short course. He has also spent several holidays here with his family (wife, Annette, and boys, Dafyd and Matthew), the latest in Boston, home of his sponsor, the John Hancock Corporation.

"We've been coming here on and off for five years, and we've talked about moving a lot. The kids love it. And if I'm going to make a living as an athlete, it's got to be here, really. If I can get some permanent employment in business allied to running, I think we'd stay."

However, he insists that would not affect his allegiance to Wales, for whom he wants to run both 10,000 metres and marathon in the Commonwealth Games in Auckland in early 1990. As for his allegiance to any British team, Jones is ambivalent.

He admits that his ninth place in the Boston Marathon in April was not good enough for Olympic selection, but his manager, Alan Warner, contends: "Perhaps the same belief that the selectors had in Charlie Spedding should have been put in Steve." That certainly stands up to debate in light of this New York performance.

Jones was offered a marathon place in Seoul when Hugh Jones had to drop out, but he turned it down. "It was five weeks to go to the Olympics, I was on holiday and seven or eight pounds overweight. When you go to the Olympics, you've got to be in 100 per cent condition, or you've no right to be there. There was no way I could go in that condition.

"I feel as if I was used as an example after Boston, every time I had something to do with the AAA after that, they reminded me of it. Depending on what the trial situation is in 1992 [Barcelona Olympics], I'll have to decide then what I'm going to do. Most of my career has been built around major Games, and being told to run in this trial or that trial. I want to remove myself from that sort of imposition. My own races are more important now."

Which would leave him, Commonwealth Games apart, to concentrate on his ambition of winning the Big Five, for which he is back on schedule. When Jones won in Chicago in 1984 and 1985 and London in 1985, he talked about winning New York, Boston and Fukuoka marathons as well. With New York now out of the way, Boston in April is his next target.

Telling moment: Jones (left) moves ahead of Bettiol in Sunday's race

TENNIS

Wembley pays for grand prix loyalty with weaker field

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Henri Leconte is seeded to beat Brad Gilbert in the final of the Benson and Hedges championships, to be played at Wembley from today until Sunday. The semi-finals should be Leconte versus Jakob Hlasek and Andrei Chesnokov versus Gilbert.

The field is respectable and Leconte, who beat Boris Becker on his way to the French final, is always exciting if occasionally infuriating company. But there is no point in pretending that the field is anything but an insult to Wembley's proud traditions.

This week, most of the on-duty celebrities are competing at Stuttgart in an inaugural promotion independent of the "official" grand prix circuit to which Wembley adheres. This prompts two thoughts.

First, the grand prix system is demonstrably inefficient. Second, the Association of Tennis Professionals, a promotional partner in what is, for the ATP, the fund-raising Wembley tournament is evidently not much good in helping to round up a ticket-selling field. One wonders if the ATP will do any better when organizing its own tour in 1990.

A few years ago Leonard Owen, the tournament director, was expressing concern about the difficulty of persuading leading players to compete at Wembley in November. I suggested that the only way to attract celebrities in November was to get out of the grand prix and organize the type of event now starting in Stuttgart.

Owen remained loyal to the grand prix and what he may reasonably regard as the greater good of the game. This week, he and his tournament are paying the price. In future Benson and Hedges will have four choices: stay with the grand prix (assuming there is one), join the ATP circuit, negotiate an independent event with the agents, or get out of tennis altogether.

In 1976 Benson and Hedges rescued Wembley from tennis obscurity. The worn, battered old stadium had previously basked in glory. Bill Tilden and Ellsworth Vines played there in 1934. During the years of Jack Kramer's tour, Wembley meant as much to the professionals as Wimbledon did to the amateurs and shamateurs on the other side of the political fence.

Then, after an interregnum, came Benson and Hedges. The 12 winners of that era have been John McEnroe (five times), Ivan Lendl (three times), Jimmy Connors (twice), Bjorn Borg and Yannick Noah.

This week, who knows? But we shall have some good tennis and Leconte will light fires in all of us if his fickle muse lights fires in him. There will be two British competitors, Jeremy Bates and Andrew Castle. Their respective first-round opponents will be Guy Forget and Gilbert.

First round draw at Wembley

H Leconte (Fr) v M Woodforde (Aus)
J Kriek (US) v A Volkov (USSR)
M Shaffer (Cz) v M Schapers (Neth)
S Casal (Sp) v R Agenor (Haiti)
J Hlasek (Switz) v J Lozano (Mex)
W Masur (Aus) v D Rostagno (US)
G Forget (Fr) v M J Bates (GB)
J Grabb (US) v A Mansdorf (Is)
J Svensson (Swe) v M Davis (US)
P Kuhnen (WG) v J Pugh (US)
J Courier (US) v Y Tulasne (Fr)
T Wilkison (US) v A Chesnokov (USSR)
J Fitzgerald (Aus) v M Vajda (Cz)
C Saceanu (WG) v J Frawley (Aus)
M Gustafsson (Swe) v R Seguso (US)
A Castle (GB) v B Gilbert (US)
SEEDINGS: 1, Leconte; 2, Gilbert; 3, Chesnokov; 4, Hlasek; 5, Svensson; 6, Mansdorf; 7, Agenor; 8, Fitzgerald.

RUGBY UNION: CUP DRAW FAVOURS LONDON TEAMS AS AUSTRALIANS CONSIDER MAKING CHANGES IN THEIR PACK

All quids in when Australia come to a neck-tie party

Simon Barnes

The only disappointment was that the Australians didn't whinge. You can't have everything. The autumn sun shone, England played the kind of game that makes rugby union one of the most stirring of ball games, England won and, best of all, the Oz got beat.

It would have been better had they started complaining about the pitch, or the crowd, or the referee, or the cheating Poms, rather than admitting that they came second because they were the second best team that day. But as sporting afternoons go, you would find it hard to beat.

You can play most ball games in a dull or in an exciting manner, but rugby has more capacity to bore the pants off spectators than any other. Could we all be given a quid for every time we have yelled at England: "Pass! Don't kick the bloody thing!" We would all be incomparably wealthy.

For English rugby has revelled in making the game one of regimented, organized mediocrity. The backs became like a neck-tie: there to add a degree of respectability, rather to serve any practical function. The game was for the forwards, who were served by the lackey scrum half, the poison dwarf, five-foot-four and crew-cut, sucking up to the big blokes, a horrid little squirt who could kick.

On Saturday, we had rugby played in the most entertaining way possible. Shouldn't all athletes realize they are public entertainers, who should do their best to entertain the crowds?

I am not so sure that they should. I have a lot of time for boring athletes. There is a recondite pleasure in the playing of sport in a boring fashion. I have refused to "go for it" during a show-jumping jump-awf, preferring a sober-sided schooling round. In football I have revelled in performances which stifled the opponents' flair and allowed us to steal victories.

Even the Tewin Irregulars, the last bastion of old-fashioned sporting values, know the joys of the losing draw on the cricket field. There is a real pleasure in the long blocking innings, the spoiling action, the esoteric triumph of the boring approach.

You may retort that professional sport is part of the entertainment business. It is, and rugby comes under the same umbrella. The players may be amateurs in theory, but if you charge for admisssion and television, you are a public entertainment. Andy Ripley once talked about "the amateur's inalienable right to play like a pillock", but I don't hold with that. I think every athlete has an inalienable right to play like a pillock: a right, it must be said, that is taken up countless times every weekend.

Athletes do not defraud their public when they do not try to "entertain". They only defraud when they do not try to compete. Professional sport is about competition, about trying to win at best, or trying not to lose as second best. Public entertainment is a by-product of these strivings.

For it is certain that players who say things like "I see myself as an entertainer" rapidly move into self-parody. Ian Botham, the bat-whirler, has demonstrated impotent theatricalities in his time, and Rodney Marsh, the footballer, used to play himself into an ecstasy of self-admiration in many a losing game.

No: in park football, in Test matches and in rugby internationals, you play to win, and if being boring serves your turn best, bore away with all your might.

What Saturday's joys demonstrated was that being boring does *not* always serve your turn best. Coaches as a class, especially those who get paid, love organization, hate risk. They talk eagerly about playing within limitations.

But time and again, this represents a seeking out of limitations, a love of self-imposed limitations, a passionate desire for limitations. It is the pursuit of mediocrity.

Professional sport is played in fear: fear of making a public mistake, fear of making an ass of yourself, fear of a career-ending injury, fear of losing form, fear of defeat. The option of "playing within your limitations" becomes as nonsensical, as self-parodic, as Botham and Marsh at their worst.

Worse, it is just as ineffective. We get the woeful performances that English rugby has specialized in for so long. An approach to the game that was not just boring: it led to defeat after defeat. It was mediocrity pursued for its own sake.

"Australians love risk-taking, love adventure," Alan Jones, the former Australian coach, said. "But English rugby tends to be dour, grafting and conservative."

Being boring in sport is not immoral. But it is often just plain stupid. Flair can conquer the boring approach again and again, and when it does so, it provides the most memorable moments in sport. It makes for enormous public entertainment.

But that is incidental. You play sport to try to win it as best you can. It is just so utterly splendid when mediocrity is for once discarded, the sun shines and brilliance is permitted to win the day.

Resurgent Rugby will provide thorough test for Harlequins

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

THIRD ROUND DRAW

Brixham v Gloucester
Gosforth v Wakefield
Wasps v Durham City
Bedford v Nottingham
Bath v Oxford
Blackheath v Waterloo
Rugby v Harlequins
London Scottish v Saracens
Havant v Exeter
Bristol v Orrell
Rosslyn Park v Plymouth Albion
London Irish v Berry Hill
Hereford v Tynedale
Liverpool St Helens v Leicester
Aspatria v Moseley
Richmond v Northampton

Ties to be played on January 28.

Harlequins, the holders of the knockout trophy, are the only London side who must travel a substantial distance when the third round of the Pilkington Cup was drawn yesterday. They will play Rugby on January 28; the only other club from the capital who have to leave home are Saracens, who meet London Scottish at Richmond.

To say that Rugby versus Harlequins resembles a meeting of the game's aristocracy with the *nouveau riche* ignores Rugby's 115-year history as a club and the town's status as the birthplace of the game. Yet Rugby's return in the past few years as a substantial force in the game, after appearing down and nearly out in the late 1970s, can scarcely be ignored; they are unbeaten in the Area League North and are strong candidates for promotion to the national third division.

Fixtures between the two clubs resumed last season, when Rugby held their visitors to a draw on a divisional Saturday. They meet again in December, at the Stoop Memorial ground, and again on a divisional day.

"It's a good draw for us in as much as the opposition will see it as a major match for themselves," Colin Herridge, the Harlequins secretary, said. "They will prepare very thoroughly and we will have to make certain we put on a similar performance to that against Berry Hill last season, or we may not survive beyond round three."

Berry Hill, who have now removed London Welsh from the cup in successive seasons, were drawn against another exiles team, London Irish. "It's a good omen for us in that we came up to London last January and beat the Welsh," Roy Powell, the chairman of the Gloucestershire club, said.

"But we know this will be more difficult because we know the London Irish pack will be more aggressive. But we will study them carefully and we're quite confident of doing the job again."

The draw provides two ties between first division clubs — both of which have already been played in the league this season. Bristol, last season's runners-up, are at home to Orrell, whom they beat 15-6 in September. A fortnight later Liverpool St Helens went down 23-12 to Leicester, whose cup traditions are of long standing.

Terry Ryan, the Liverpool St Helens chairman, said: "Although we lost we didn't see anything which suggests they can't be beaten. We certainly won't be worried about the prospect.

"Our problem so far this season has been the county championship and divisional games, when a lot of our players have been taken away and we haven't had the chance to gel properly as a side.

"It's been especially difficult because we have had so many new players join us: Morris, Hanavan, Allott, Cusani. It's something Twickenham really must sort out because it's been very difficult in the league for ourselves, Orrell and Waterloo because the county championship is taken far more seriously in the north."

Bath, who won the cup four times in succession between 1984 and 1987, play Oxford at home, but their neighbours, Gloucester, winners of the inaugural competition, must go to Brixham and they will not take the men of Devon lightly.

Wasps, runners-up to Bath in 1986 and 1987, entertain Durham City who, on Saturday, removed Sale from the competition. Another first-division club who will travel in some trepidation are Moseley: they play Aspatria, who gave Wasps such a fright last season.

Since John Simpson, the Rugby Football Union president, drew both Richmond (versus Northampton) and London Scottish, the joint tenants at the Athletic Ground, at home, the two clubs will have to come to some agreement as to which gets priority. Double-headers are officially frowned upon, so doubtless one or the other will play on a Sunday.

Morris increases options behind England's scrum

By David Hands

"I think England have done the right thing by picking a scrum half of his style," Nick Farr-Jones, the Australian captain, said of Dewi Morris, his opposite number, after the compelling international match at Twickenham on Saturday.

"They have given themselves an extra option, someone who can take it up, especially with Richards, while they still have strength wider out," he said.

It was a valuable assessment from one who, despite the troughs of this tour, has reacted with dignity and perspicacity. The losing captain's speech at the post-match banquet produced an ovation almost as loud as that produced by the Twickenham crowd when Will Carling left the field injured.

Morris's performance was one to savour: here was a player by no means overawed by his surroundings or his company. Chivvying his forwards, a hug for Andy Robinson, whose charge-down led to Morris's try, a fierce clenched-fist gesture after catching Steve Tuynman at the back of a scrum. Morris may have said that he was shattered but he clearly enjoyed himself immensely.

He will know harder days in international rugby: the more visible his profile, the more other players in the first-class game will know about him and will take steps to counter.

For the time being, however, we can take pleasure in a natural talent expressing itself: "He justified the faith shown in him and he will get better as he adjusts to the needs of international rugby," Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, said.

Although there is a further testing programme for fitness at the end of this month, England's players, most of whom were completely drained by the pace of Saturday's international, do not come together again until the New Year.

There will be a squad weekend in Portugal between January 5 and 9 as preparation for the Five Nations championship which, for England, does not begin until February 4, against Scotland.

The Australians arrived in Scotland to prepare for tomorrow's game against Edinburgh, at Myreside, with Bob Dwyer identifying three areas of his pack where changes may be required before the international against Scotland, on November 19.

The loose-head prop, Hartill, the lock, Campbell, and the flanker, Gardner, are all deemed under threat and the challengers receive their chance to impress tomorrow.

Rob Lawton, the prop, joins his brother, Tom, in the front row, the touring management having identified Milne and Sole, the Scotland props, as potential obstacles in the Edinburgh XV. Frawley, so unlucky to miss the game against England, is at lock and Gourley, the main contender for Gardner's place, is in the back row.

Behind the scrum, Knox and Cornish play only their second games of the tour. Knox played in the defeat against the Northern division, in which he broke his little finger, and returns at full back while Cornish, who lasted 11 minutes against England B because of a badly bruised hip, plays in the centre.

Walker reverts to his tour position of stand-off half in partnership with Burke, who will captain the team for the first time.

"I'm convinced we have the players to beat Scotland and upset the Lions next year," Dwyer said. "We have the ability not to let our past performances worry us. We have the capacity to use our previous games to improve our future games.

"I don't think there will be any problem in resolve or determination. I think it will be even stronger."

AUSTRALIANS (v Edinburgh): D Knox; A Naugle, R Tombs, B Cornish, P Carozza; L Walker, B Burke (capt); R Lawton, T Lawton, E McKenzie, S Gourley, R McCall, D Frawley, D Carter, T Gavin.

Kirwan is to play at Oxford

By Peter Bills

The organizers of Major R. V. Stanley's XV have spread their net widely for the annual game with Oxford University at Iffley Road a week tomorrow. In addition to flying over the All Black wing, John Kirwan, the selectors have also included a Queenslander, two South Africans, a Canadian presently resident in France and an Italian.

Interest in the match, sponsored by Yamaichi International, is such that every seat has already been sold and a crowd of well over 3,000 is expected.

Bray, a student at Queensland University picked to play stand-off half for Stanley's side, has received a glowing report from none other than Alan Jones, while the South Africans chosen are MacDonald, the 1985 Oxford captain who led his side to victory at Twickenham and Van Merwe, a Western Province back row forward.

TEAM: M Wyatt (St Gaudens and Canada); J Kirwan (Marist, Auckland and New Zealand), S Halliday (Bath and England, captain), B J Mullin (London Irish and Ireland), A Assali (Parma and Italy); K Bray (Queensland University), J C Callan (Richmond); T Jones (Kew Occasionals), B Moore (Nottingham and England), V Obogu (Bath), R Norster (Cardiff and Wales), N MacDonald (University of Cape Town), J Hall (Bath and England), A Brooks (Rosslyn Park), W Van Merwe (Western Province).

CRICKET

West Indians back in winning ways

Adelaide (Reuter) — The West Indians recorded the first victory of their tour yesterday, beating South Australia by an innings and 20 runs. Viv Richards, the West Indies captain, said that after two defeats in Perth the result was encouraging for the first Test in Brisbane next week, especially as the pitch had been flat.

The state side, starting the final day at 193 for one in the follow on, had hopes of a draw but were all out for 410. After Hilditch went in Benjamin's first over, Nobes was joined by Hookes in a stand of 63 in 54 minutes. Hookes' share was 47 and, remarkably, all but one of his runs came in boundaries: he hit 10 fours and a six.

Shortly after Hookes was caught in the slips off Walsh, Nobes fell to a close catch only five runs from a century on first-class debut. South Australia, 298 for four at lunch, lost their last six wickets for 112 after the interval. Richards giving most of the work on the lifeless pitch to himself and Hooper, the off-spinner, who took four for 163 from 51 overs.

WEST INDIANS: First innings 593 for 8 dec (C G Greenidge 213, I V A Richards 138, D L Haynes 79; P R Sleep 4 for 207).
SOUTH AUSTRALIA: First innings 183.

Second innings

A M J Hilditch b Benjamin	64
G A Bishop c Benjamin b Richards	45
P Nobes c Richardson b Hooper	95
*D W Hookes c Richards b Walsh	47
†W B Phillips c Richards b Hooper	36
P R Sleep st Dujon b Hooper	19
P Anderson c Dujon b Richards	6
P Giadigau c Walsh b Richards	16
A K Zesers c Dujon b Ambrose	25
C Killen c Benjamin b Hooper	32
T B A May not out	7
Extras (lb 9, nb 9)	18
Total	410

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-81, 2-194, 3-257, 4-267, 5-314, 6-328, 7-332, 8-355, 9-399.
BOWLING: Marshall 9-2-42-0; Ambrose 12-4-42-1; Hooper 51-8-163-4; Walsh 18-4-51-1; Richards 25-2-78-3; Benjamin 7-3-25-1.

Wright's men shape up

Faridabad (Reuter) — John Wright hit 123, his second successive century of New Zealand's tour of India, here yesterday before declaring his side's innings at 389 for seven on the second day of their three-day match against North Zone.

Wright, resuming on 80, took three fours off the first over, from Sharma, but spent 24 minutes on 99. He later took 16 runs off one over from Azad.

With only five days left before the start of the first Test, both Kuggeleijn and Bracewell got into practice with unbeaten half-centuries, while Morrison claimed two wickets and Kuggeleijn one before stumps.

NEW ZEALANDERS: First innings

T J Franklin b Sharma	40
*J G Wright c Jain b Madan Lal	123
A H Jones b Sharma	15
R H Vance b Sharma	0
M J Greatbatch c Gursharan b Azad	1
K R Rutherford lbw b Sharma	59
C M Kuggeleijn not out	54
†T E Blain b Jain	5
J G Bracewell not out	50
Extras (b 2, lb 8, nb 23, w 9)	42
Total (7 wkts dec)	389

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-85, 2-113, 3-115, 4-117, 5-249, 6-288, 7-380.
BOWLING: Sharma 24-3-87-4; Prabhakar 16-4-38-0; Madan Lal 16-3-51-1; Azad 32-11-79-1; Jain 28-6-69-1; Kapil Dev 8-2-23-0; Bhaskar 2-0-12-0; Lamba 2.3-0-20-0.

NORTH ZONE: First innings

M Prabhakar lbw b Morrison	7
R Lamba lbw b Kuggeleijn	25
K Bhaskar Pillai not out	37
A Kaypee c Blain b Morrison	0
Gursharan Singh not out	24
Extras (b 5, lb 4, nb 1, w 1)	11
Total (3 wkts)	104

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-46, 3-47.
BOWLING: Morrison 13-6-27-2; Chatfield 6-1-20-0; Bracewell 5-0-17-0; Kuggeleijn 9-4-14-1; Rutherford 5-1-17-0.

● India have left out Mohinder Amarnath from their squad of 14 for the first Test.

PARTY: D B Vengsarkar (capt), Arun Lal, K Srikkanth, N S Siddhu, M Azharuddin, Kapil Dev, R J Shastri, K S More, N Hirwani, S Sharma, Maninder Singh, A Ayub, W V Raman, R Patel.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

European Cup
Second round, second leg
Werder Bremen v Celtic (7.0)

Littlewoods Cup
Third round
Everton v Oldham A

Simod Cup
First round
Charlton v Sunderland (7.45)
Portsmouth v Hull
Southampton v Stoke
Watford v Leicester (7.45)

Barclays League
Second division
Ipswich v Walsall (7.45)

Third division
Aldershot v Sheffield
Brentford v Notts Co (7.45)
Bristol C v Wolves (7.45)
Bury v Chester
Fulham v Reading
Gillingham v Blackpool (7.45)
Huddersfield v Bolton
Northampton v Port Vale
Preston v Wigan
Southend Utd v Bristol R (7.45)
Swansea v Mansfield

Fourth division
Burnley v Lincoln C
Darlington v Cambridge Utd
Grimsby T v Doncaster R
Halifax T v Colchester Utd
Leyton Orient v Carlisle Utd (7.45)
Rotherham Utd v Scunthorpe
Torquay v Rochdale
Wrexham v Stockport Co
York C v Crewe A

GM Vauxhall Conference
Runcorn v Northwich
Sutton Utd v Newport Co
Wycombe v Enfield

FA VASE: First round replay: Berkhamsted v Ware.

VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor v Slough; Carshalton v Grays; Hayes v Croydon; Hendon v Wokingham; Leyton-Wingate v Harrow; St Albans v Marlow; Tooting and Mitcham v Barking; Windsor and Eton v Bishop's Stortford. First division: Bracknell v Basildon; Chalfont St Peter v Metropolitan Police; Hampton v Uxbridge; Hitchin v Wivenhoe; Kingsbury v Chesham; Leatherhead v Boreham Wood; Lewes v Woking; Staines v Wembley. Second division north: Barton R v Hemel Hempstead; Berkhamsted v Hornchurch (7.45); Billericay v Saffron Walden; Clapton v Vauxhall Motors (7.45); Hertford v Heybridge Swifts; Tilbury v Wolverton (7.45); Witham v Ware. Second division south: Banstead Ath v Flackwell Heath; Dorking v Egham; Eastbourne v Epsom and Ewell; Finchley v Feltham; Maidenhead v Yeading; Newbury v Harefield; Southall v Peterfield.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow v Witton; Buxton v Goole; Fleetwood v Stalybridge Celtic; Marine v Bangor C; Matlock v Worksop; Mossley v Morecambe. First division: Harrogate v Netherfield; Irlam v Lancaster.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midland division: Bridgnorth v Dudley.

WESTGATE INSURANCE CUP: First round, second leg: Crawley v Corinthians. Second round, first leg: Baldock v Burnham; Bedworth v VS Rugby; Burton v Sutton Coldfield; Grantham v Atherstone; Halesowen v Bromsgrove; Merthyr v Bath; Moor Green v Willenhall; Rushden v Wealdstone; Salisbury v Fareham (7.45); Tamworth v Dunstable; Thanet Utd v Dover.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chippenham v Chard; Mangotsfield Utd v Taunton.

IRISH ROADFERRY LEAGUE CUP: Quarter-finals: Cliftonville v Linfield (Windsor Park); Glenavon v Crusaders; Bangor v Glentoran; Portadown v Dundela.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Coventry C v Aston Villa (7.0); Liverpool v Manchester C (7.0); Nottingham F v Blackburn R (7.0).

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Reading v Watford Res (2.0); Swindon v Southampton (2.0).

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Barnet v Southend Utd.

KENT SENIOR CUP: First round: Welling Utd v Ashford.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Pontypridd v Western Samoa (2.30).

CLUB MATCH: Cambridge Univ v Leicester (7.15).

OTHER SPORTS

TENNIS: Benson and Hedges championships (Wembley).

SPORT ON TV

THE ARSENAL STADIUM MYSTERY: C4 2.00 p.m. Feature film made in black and white in 1939, and featuring members of that year's Arsenal squad.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: C4 5.00 p.m. Highlights of this weekend's Washington Redskins v New Orleans Saints (repeat at 11.35 p.m.).

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING: ITV 7.30 p.m. Highlights of this morning's double world championship bout between Doddy Lalonde and Super Ray Leonard, bidding for his fourth and fifth world title.

QUESTION OF SPORT: BBC1 8.30 p.m. with guests Ronnie Whelan, Steve Redgrave, Ian Taylor and Elliot Bunney.

Dintrans's philosophical approach

From Chris Than, Nantes

Though not in itself a hotbed of rugby, Nantes — the ancient capital of the Duchy of Brittany — has already earned a special place in French rugby folklore.

It was here in 1986 when a reborn France, humiliated in the first international in Toulouse, found the motivation and purpose to submerge the All Blacks under a gigantic tide of pride and passion.

There was, however, one Frenchman for whom Nantes, until last Saturday at any rate, was less of a cherished memory.

It was here in October 1985, in the second international against Japan, that the most capped French hooker, Phillipe Dintrans, captained his country for the last time on French soil.

A month later a spinal injury put him out of action for the rest of the season and cast a dark shadow on his playing career.

Although he recovered and fought his way back to full fitness a year later, as Dubroca's understudy, he watched the French win against the All Blacks from the stand.

Three five nations championships and the World Cup later he was playing again, older and undoubtedly wiser, to lead his country to a memorable win over the Pumas.

"It is something you always dream of at the back of your mind . . . leading your country to a great win in front of your own public," Dintrans said after the game. "There is nothing greater than that. And all this becomes true in one wonderful moment."

But, as he acknowledged, the last three years on the bench was a period of frustration, sometimes of sheer desperation.

"They were three years of hell out there in the wilderness."

After Dubroca's announced retirement, Dintrans found out that scrum half, Pierre Berbizier, had been chosen to inherit the captaincy.

But he would not be drawn into a controversy.

Three long and painful years spent on the bench have developed a new man: Dintrans the philosopher.

"I've decided to apply in life a philosophy I used to share with Jean-Pierre Rives. Living in peace with others but mainly with myself."

Rainey gets Ulster recall

Rainey is recalled for Ulster's game against Leinster on Saturday (George Ace writes).

ULSTER: P Rainey (Ballymena); T Ringland (Ballymena), J Hewitt (London Irish), D Irwin (Instonians, capt), K Crossan (Instonians); P Russell (Instonians), R Brady (Ballymena); M Reynolds (Malone), J McDonald (Malone), J J McCoy (Bangor), P Matthews (Wanderers), C Morrison (Malone), J Rogers (Bangor), D McBride (Malone), W Anderson (Dungannon).

A new cap, Lydon, is named for Connacht's game against Munster in Cork on Saturday.

CONNACHT: J Staples (London Irish); F O'Flynn (Corinthians), R Nemam (St Mary's College), M Cosgrove (Wanderers), E Guerin (Galwegians); C Crosse-Callaghan (Old Belvedere), S O'Braine (St Mary's College); T Clancy (Lansdowne, capt), J O'Riordan (University College Galway), D Hanshaw (Athlone), J O'Driscoll (Liverpool/St Helens), A Higgins (University College Galway), M Moylett (Shanon), C Lydon (Bective Rangers), N Mannion (Corinthians).

Welsh losing patience

By Peter Bills

Several leading Welsh clubs are contemplating a break in fixtures after English clubs have sent weakened sides to Wales this season. The Welsh merit table clubs are to hold a special meeting on Thursday to discuss a situation they regard as urgent and unfortunate.

The Welsh clubs have felt snubbed at playing weakened teams on English non-league Saturdays. They see no future in maintaining fixtures with clubs which send as many as 13 second team players, as Bristol are alleged to have done for their recent match at Newbridge.

Glan Tucker, a spokesman for the Welsh merit table clubs, said: "We regard this as an insult. Harlequins played virtually a second team against Swansea at Twickenham and Bristol did the same. Nor are they the only ones.

"If this is the sort of treatment we are going to get now that leagues have arrived in England, then we shall have to consider seriously whether it is worth playing them any more."

Welsh clubs have found this situation has had a detrimental effect on attendances. "People do not turn up when they hear the English sides are so weakened," Tucker said.

Welsh officials have discussed the possibility of playing each other on a home and away basis. They accept that is not ideal, partly because it might indicate tacit acceptance of a league structure to which they are firmly opposed. On that theme, Tucker denies suggestions that there has been any weakening of the club's opposition.

FOOTBALL: CELTIC AIM TO CATCH UNPREDICTABLE GERMANS ON THE BREAK

McNeill hopes to capitalize on Bremen's open play

By Roddy Forsyth

When Celtic were beaten at home by Werder Bremen two weeks ago, Billy McNeill declared that the Scottish champions were technically out of the European Cup. The Celtic manager was acknowledging that tonight, Werder need only maintain the aggregate of 1-0 in their favour to proceed into the third round of the tournament.

But when the Glasgow team arrived here yesterday, McNeill was at pains to make it clear that his recognition of realism did not imply an acceptance of defeat.

"We do not believe that this tie is beyond us," he said. "I think that Werder Bremen have something to prove in front of their own supporters and they could be caught between trying to entertain their own people and the fact that they already have a good result from Glasgow.

"As it stands, only one goal divides the teams and so long as it stays that way, Werder must be vulnerable. I don't believe they will feel comfortable if they try to sit tight upon their lead but if they come forward they will offer us opportunities. Certainly, if they play against us as they did against Dynamo Berlin, they will leave themselves open."

In referring to Werder's 5-0 home win, for a 5-3 aggregate, over the East German champions in the previous round, McNeill also pointed to the Bremen habit, unusual for a German club, of producing wildly variable performances.

"They are not a typical West German side," the Celtic manager said. "They are much more expressive than other teams in the Bundesliga. In many ways, they play like ourselves, and, of course, we know only too well that such an approach involves risks."

One Scottish supporter who had arrived in advance of his team put it succinctly: "I wish them well, but Celtic didn't even finish second in the first game. Their only hope is to get the opening goal."

Such a summary reflects the general prognosis and it might seem that Celtic's 8-0 win over Hamilton Academical on Saturday, a record for an away victory in the premier division, would be the ideal preparation for the formidable job which needs to be done this evening.

McNeill, however, does not entirely agree. "Although I was very pleased about our performance at the weekend, I don't think we can take too much from that. The fact that we scored so many goals will not have any bearing on the game against Werder. We will make one or two necessary changes to our pattern of play, but I think the factor which matters most in a game like this is experience."

The manager also hinted that the Celtic team will not be dissimilar from the 11 who started against Hamilton. From such clues, we may reasonably deduce that the Scottish champions will employ White and McCarthy as centre-backs alongside Rogan and Morris, with Stark, Aitkin, McStay and Burns in midfield.

McAvennie and McGhee scored trebles at the weekend and will surely make up the side. Whatever the starting line-up, Celtic are embued with confidence. McNeill said: "I think the players are capable of achieving a dramatic result and their morale is very high."

● The Scotland coach, Andy Roxburgh, received a welcome early Christmas present today in the shape of a valuable World Cup warm-up match against the 1990 hosts, Italy, on December 22.

Roxburgh, who takes his team to Cyprus for its next qualifying match in Limassol on February 8, had been eager to fit in an extra game before then. With no League games scheduled in Scotland and England on Christmas Eve, Roxburgh should have no difficulty finding players to travel to Taranto, on the heel of Italy, for the match.

Royle looks to plot old club's downfall

By Ian Ross

Everton hope to use tonight's Littlewoods Cup third round tie against the second division side, Oldham Athletic, as a platform from which to launch a realistic challenge for the Football League championship.

By its own high standards, a club which has won the title twice in the last four years has had a disastrous start to the season, winning only four of 12 games so far.

"We could do with a good result against Oldham because we want to put a good run together. A victory would stand us in good stead for our weekend game at Charlton," Terry Darracott, the Everton assistant manager, said.

Darracott is still in charge of first-team affairs at Goodison Park as Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, is recovering from a hip replacement operation. Darracott has added Adams to the 13 players who were on weekend duty at Sheffield Wednesday, but if Wilson, the Scottish international, recovers from a slight thigh strain as is expected, he is unlikely to make any changes in personnel.

"We took the lead at Sheffield and should perhaps have capitalized upon it," Darracott said. "In the end Neville Southall, our goalkeeper, saved the game for us. He's had too much work to do for our liking over the past two or three weeks and if possible we would like to give him an easier game against Oldham."

Joe Royle, the former Everton and England forward who manages Oldham, pledged that his side would pursue an attacking policy at Goodison Park. "We are the top scorers in the second division and that is something of which I am proud," he said. "I do feel sorry for Everton because they have had such bad luck with injuries so far this season. The fact that Colin Harvey is on the sick list only serves to sum up their plight."

● Colin Gibson, the Manchester United defender, will undergo an exploratory operation on a knee this morning. Gibson was stretchered off during Saturday's game against Aston Villa at Old Trafford.

Hateley may return

Paris (Reuter) — Mark Hateley may return after a 2½-month lay-off with a groin injury for Monaco's European Cup second round return leg against Bruges tomorrow. The England forward reported no problems after a first test with the reserves on Saturday and may play from the start against Bruges who lead 1-0 after the first leg in Belgium.

Arsene Wenger, the Monaco trainer, said: "Mark is a great asset to the team with his heading ability and the danger he creates in front of goal. He's also a leader whose determination and desire to win spread throughout the team."

History will not be on Monaco's side because in 10 appearances in Europe they have never reached a quarter-final.

● A pulled hamstring keeps Ruud Gullit, the European player of the year, out of AC Milan's Champions Cup match against Red Star in Belgrade.

Delicate moment: A tricky shot for Bobby Close, of Hartlepool, on his way to a 4-0 victory in the UK Professional Billiards championship at Middlesbrough

BASKETBALL

Eagles give cause for concern after wasting lead

By Nicholas Harling

As a preparation for Europe, defeat by Crystal Palace was the last thing Manchester Eagles needed or can have expected. If a team can relinquish a 17-point lead as Eagles did on Saturday on the way to their 75-73 reverse at the National Recreation Centre, what chance, its critics might reasonably ask, has it of holding onto a 16-point advantage against superior opposition?

That is the problem confronting Jeff Jones, the Manchester coach, who flies out with his squad today for tomorrow's Korac Cup second round tie against Assubel Mariembourg, of Belgium. Suddenly, in the wake of Saturday's alarming upset against the team which had lost its five previous Carlsberg League games, Eagles' 89-73 first leg advantage from last week looks anything but secure.

"Teams have lows after playing in Europe but I thought we were professional enough to come down to Palace and do a job," Jones admitted after interrupting his retirement in an unavailing attempt to rally his side. He hit one three-pointer but gave away two fouls. "At least now though I know they'll be ready to play on Wednesday," he said.

Manchester's defeat was embarrassing in more ways than one. Rod Kittles, their new American, put his team-mate, Peter Mullings, out of half the second period with a ferocious throw to below the belt. Since Kittles then added to a laboured performance by banging heads with another colleague, Colin Irish, it is probably just as well for Eagles that he is ineligible for the Belgium trip.

Uppermost in Jones's mind, however, must be his concern at the ease with which Graham Hill restricted Irish to 14 points, 22 less than the England international managed against Mariembourg last week.

"We didn't play smart, we played stupid," Jones said. "We didn't play with intensity. We dug ourselves a hole and got what we deserved."

Olympic City Giants came within five points of joining Palace as first time League winners this season. Their 83-79 defeat against Bracknell Tigers was close enough for Mike Shaft, the club chairman, to believe there is hope for his ailing club, which will be forced to make financial cut-backs if a sponsor is not soon found.

"When these guys, with all their problems, can go out and loose by only four points to a team like Bracknell, you've got to be proud of them," Shaft said.

Without Russ Saunders, who had flown home to the United States because his father is seriously ill, Sunderland succumbed 101-89 at home to a revitalized Hemel-Watford Royals in the other Carlsberg League game.

STUDENT SPORT

Fillip to Sheffield for 1991 Games

By Yuri Matischen

Some 130 student sports presidents, delegates and senior members from 50 British universities have received a resounding confirmation that the World Student Games, scheduled for Sheffield in 1991, will go ahead.

Gerry Montgomery, the sports director of Universiade GB Ltd, the organizing company, delivered the message at the British Universities' Sports Federation's annual general council in London at the weekend.

This confirmed the statements of Peter Burns, the chief executive of the Games company, and Malcolm Newman, the Sheffield city treasurer, and rebuffed the many prophesies of gloom lately.

"It was unfortunate that the Games company at this stage are only able to be reactive rather than proactive," Montgomery said. But he added that the financial packages for the facilities were finalized and that the billed programme was on schedule.

Certain aspects are ahead of schedule, particularly the Hyde Park flats to become the Games' village. Only 15 per cent of the inhabitants still remain for rehousing.

Robert Watson, the Federation's honorary legal adviser and treasurer of the British Olympic Association, encouraged the Games company to send out more positive aspects to the private and public sectors who have a positive interest in the Games. "The British sporting community and the Manchester bid for the 1996 Olympics needs Sheffield to succeed," Watson said.

The impact of the Games on Sheffield has been enormous already, but for British student sport there needs to be a greater awareness of the opportunities, particularly commerical, that could be realized. Recent sponsorship negotiations have brought some rewards, including the Barclays Bank deal with the British polytechnics which is worth £100,000 over three years. STA Travel Ltd, who have already committed £60,000 in a two-year agreement with the British Students' Sports Federation, are likely to extend their association. Substantial sums are still however required to support the team for the Saõ Paulo World Student Games in 1989 and the negotiations on funding with the Sports Council are likely to prove vital.

With Sheffield looming, the next process is to better integrate the student sporting fraternity.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Salford's plea may be in vain

By Keith Macklin

The Salford chairman, John Wilkinson, has made a surprise call for two referees a game following Sunday's match at St Helens, during which the Salford Australian stand-off half, Paul Shaw, had to leave the field after 50 minutes, following a series of heavy tackles.

Wilkinson suggests that one referee should control the play while the other watches solely for off-the-ball foul play and observes the maintenance of the five-metre gap between the sides.

After the game, which was won 30-14 by St Helens, the Salford coach, Kevin Ashcroft, said that the official video of the match should be closely studied by assessors at Rugby League headquarters. He said Shaw was the victim of several calculated high tackles and that Paul Forber, the St Helens' forward, should have been sent off the field rather than to the sin bin for the worst of the offences.

Both Salford appeals are likely to fall on deaf ears. Although the videotape will be watched, the fact that Forber was sent to the sin bin will be deemed "action" by the referee, Kevin Allatt.

Wilkinson's request for two referees is unlikely to be considered seriously, since it would clutter up disciplinary procedures, on and off the field.

VOLLEYBALL

Kyle ready for long bus ride

By Roddy Mackenzie

Vince Krawczyk, coach to Kyle, the Scottish women's champions, will this week seek out bus and rail timetables for Czechoslovakia in the hope that his team can overturn a first-leg deficit and qualify for the second round of the European champions' cup on Saturday.

Kyle are the only British club with a chance of progressing following first-leg matches at the weekend, having lost in five sets to CS Gym Volley (Luxembourg) 15-2, 8-15, 10-15, 15-8, 10-15, in Irvine. The Scots led 15-2, 7-2 and looked in a formidable position but, as Krawczyk pointed out: "We then started to defend instead of being aggressive. As it stands at the moment, if we win in five sets in Luxembourg, we could get through."

If Kyle can win through, they would likely face Ruda Hvezda Prague, and Krawczyk has confirmed that they would play in the second round "even if it means taking a 48-hour bus trip to cut the cost".

Sovereign Leasing Sale lost to KFUM Oslo 12-15, 4-15, 11-15 in their first leg match in the same competition in Norway.

Malory have little chance of progressing in the men's champions' cup after losing to Hapoel Mate Asher, the Israeli champions, 11-15, 11-15, 7-15 at Crystal Palace.

Davenport deal to be questioned

Middlesbrough's £700,000 signing of Peter Davenport from Manchester United is likely to add fuel to a heated debate on the club's financial affairs at the Football League management committee meeting at Lytham tomorrow (Peter Ball writes).

Middlesbrough were only moments away from going under in 1986, the Football League finally approving a local consortium's rescue package 24 hours before the opening day of the 1986-87 season.

As part of the rescue package, the Football League stipulated that the new company pay off the outstanding debts of more than £1 million. Some creditors have indeed been paid off in full, but others are still awaiting satisfaction.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

Perestroika pays for Dnepr

By Keith Blackmore

The first phase of a football revolution in the Soviet Union will be completed successfully if **Dnepr Dnepropetrovsk** beat **Zhalgiris Vilnius** on Friday. A win in that match would give Dnepr the championship and vindicate the club's decision, made last season, to cut its union ties and become self-financing.

Dnepr apart, teams in the Soviet league are all affiliated to organizations such as unions, the army and the security services. But Dnepr's success heralds widespread change.

Vyascheslav Koloskov, a Soviet football administrator, has said that all clubs are expected to become self-financing within three years and he predicts the development of a professional league in the manner of most Western countries.

Yet while football flourishes in the Soviet Union, it has reached a state of decay in Brazil. Official statistics show that the average attendance in this year's Copa Uniao, the national championship, fell to 10,409, the lowest since 1979 and less than half the 1987 average. Since the beginning of the decade the cost of attending matches has doubled. The problem has been exacerbated by the exodus of the best players to European clubs.

One of those exports, Caniggia, a forward, scored for **Verona** against **AC Milan** in the Italian league on Sunday. The Dutchman, Gullit, played for only half an hour but that was enough time for him to score for Milan. Then an ankle injury forced him off, thus maintaining his record of having failed to complete a game this season. A goal by another Dutchman, van Basten, was enough to keep Milan second in the table.

The leaders, **Inter Milan**, beat **Sampdoria** 1-0. Their most influential player was the German, Matthaus, and it was from his free kick in the first minute that Berti scored. **Juventus** continued to revive with a 4-3 win at **Bologna**. Barros, their Portuguese forward, scored twice and Laudrup once.

Schuster shone as **Real Madrid** extended their lead at the top of the Spanish first division by beating **Celta** 4-1 while **Barcelona** only drew with **Valladolid**.

Ron Atkinson's remarkable run at **Atlético Madrid** was brought to an end by **Osasuna** but Howard Kendall's disheartening sequence continued. His team, **Athletic Bilbao**, lost their sixth successive league match, going down 1-0 to their fellow-Basques, **Real Sociedad**, who at least gave their British manager, John Toshack, something to celebrate.

Paris Saint-Germain beat **Laval** to stay top of the French first division, a point ahead of **Auxerre**. Auxerre beat **Matra Racing**, whose Portuguese manager, Jorge, resigned last week, and whose future is said to be threatened by financial difficulties. Papin, the leading scorer in the league, scored his twelfth goal of the season as **Olympique Marseille** beat **Toulon** to stay in third position. Hoddle's goal was enough to give **Monaco** a point against **Bordeaux**.

VFB Stuttgart closed the gap at the top of the West German first division by beating **Hamburg** 4-2. **Bayern Munich**, the leaders, were held to a goalless draw by **St Pauli**.

SWIMMING

Moorhouse's opponents given a break

By Steven Downes

Adrian Moorhouse, the Olympic gold medal winner, will attempt the aquatic equivalent of tying one hand behind his back in his first outing since Seoul — the Stakis international in Dundee next month.

Moorhouse has entered the 50 metres and 100 metres breaststroke, his Olympic title distance, at the meeting on December 2 to 4. Only days earlier he is due to have the plaster removed from his hand after breaking a bone in a motor racing accident.

Moorhouse has maintained fitness with circuit and weight training, but six weeks is a long time for him to be out of the water if he is to win at Dundee in what is Britain's most competitive discipline. Dundee is the second meeting in the Milk in Action grand prix series, starting in Cumbernauld this weekend. To qualify for the final in May, competitors accumulate points from three meetings.

● Sun Life Assurance is to sponsor the Europa Cup meeting on December 9 and 10 in Edinburgh to celebrate the centenary of the Scottish ASA.

YACHTING

An open mind on the Cup

Tom Ehman, the manager of San Diego's next defence of the America's Cup, had good news yesterday for the 19 or more challengers expected to register for the proposed series off the Californian city in 1991 (Barry Pickthall writes).

In London to represent the San Diego YC, Ehman confirmed yesterday that the his club is unlikely to contest the choice of boat or challenger of record nominated by the challengers later this week.

It was feared the holders might press for the retention of 12-metre class yachts instead of the new 75ft monohull proposals now finding favour with the challengers, but Ehman confirmed: "If the challengers want it, we're ready to go ahead with it."

The same applies with the challenger of record to be nominated to represent them at a meeting of challengers tomorrow. Ehman said that four clubs, including Crusade YC, were challenging the favoured Royal Perth YC for the prestigious role.

At another meeting yesterday, members of the International Yacht Racing Union's class policy and organization committee agreed to propose match-racing at the next Olympic Games in Barcelona.

If the idea is passed by the IYRU's permanent committee on Friday, the medals in the Soling three-man keelboat class will be decided in a knock-out competition.

● The Royal Perth YC is to host the next 12-metre world championship off Fremantle next October.

TENNIS

Navratilova's close call

Worcester, Massachusetts (AP) — Martina Navratilova was pushed to the limits by the young Soviet player, Natalia Zvereva, before rallying to win the $300,000 (£170,000) New England Virginia Slims championship for the fourth time. In capturing her 137th singles title by 6-7, 6-4, 6-3, Navratilova, aged 32, prevented the Soviet, aged 17, from capturing her first tour honour.

Navratilova settled it by winning four successive games, the last when she broke Zvereva to 15 after crashing into the Press table and objecting several times to line calls.

"That's one of the best matches I've ever been part of," she said.

"I knew I could beat her," Zvereva said. "That was not my best day. I was surprised I wasn't so fired from yesterday. But now I feel able to beat her. I was playing mentally better today."

BADMINTON

Canadian title for Butler

Calgary (Reuter) — Steve Butler, playing in his first grand prix final, beat Sze Yu, of Australia, 7-15, 15-10, 15-5 to win the men's singles title in the Canadian Open championships on Sunday. The Briton beat the top seed, Jens Peter Nierhoff, of Denmark, in his semi-final.

The women's title went to the third seed, Li Dicnu, of China.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL RESULTS

AUSTRIAN: GAK 1, VSE St Poelten 1; Austria Klagenfurt 2, Vorwaerts Steyr 2; LASK 1, FCS Tirol 1; Vienna 3, Sturm Graz 2; Admira Wacker 3, Rapid Vienna 1; Austria Vienna 4, Vienna Sportklub 0. Leading standings: 1, Austria, played 18, 25 points; 2, FC Tirol, 18: 25; 3, Admira Wacker, 18, 25.

BELGIAN: FC Liège 2, Racing Genk 1; FC Bruges 3, Beveren 1; St Truiden 2, Standard Liège 1; Anderlecht 2, Waregem 0; FC Mechlin 2, FC Antwerp 1; Beerschot 0, Lierse 1; Charleroi 2, Racing Mechlin 1; Kortrijk 3, RWDM 1; Lokeren 2, Cercle Brugge 1. Leading standings: 1, FC Mechlin, 14, 25; 2, Anderlecht, 14, 22; 3, FC Liège, 14, 21.

BRAZILIAN: Fluminense 0; Guarani 0; Vitoria 1, Botafogo 2; Palmeiras 0, Coritiba 1; Portuguesa 1, Gremio 1; São Paulo 1, Criciuma 0; Santos 3, Sport Recife 0; Goias 0, Corinthians 0; Vasco 2, Atletico Mineiro 0; Cruzeiro 0, Flamengo 0; Atletico Paranaense 3, America 0; Internacional 3, Bahia 0. Leading standings: Group A: 1, Fluminense, 27; 2, Internacional, 25; 3, Portuguesa, 23. Group B: 1, Vasco, 24; 2, Gremio, 21; 3, Bahia, 21.

BULGARIAN: Minevr 2, Vitocha 2; Vratsa 0, Beroe 0; Dounav 2, Cherno More 1; Lokomotiv G, Orlechovitsa 0, Locomotiv Sofia 2; Etar 1, Locomotiv Plovdiv 1; Spartak 2, Sliven 3; CFKA Sredets 1, Trakia Plovdiv 1; Slavia Pragua 2, Pirin 1. Leading standings: 1, CFKA Sredets, 18; 2, Etar, 15; 3, Trakia, 14.

DUTCH: Roda JC Kerkrade 0, PSV Eindhoven 1; Twente Enschede 0, Haarlem 0; Sparta Rotterdam 1, FC Groningen 1; Ajax Amsterdam 4, MVV Maastricht 0; Veendam 1, Feyenoord 2; BVV Den Bosch 1, VVV Venlo 4; PEC Zwolle 2, FC Utrecht 1; Willem II Tilburg 2, Volendam 4; Fortuna Sittard 2, RKC Waalwijk 0. Leading standings: 1, PSV, 13, 21; 2, FC Twente, 12, 16; 3, Feyenoord, 11, 15.

EAST GERMAN: FC Magdeburg 2, Chemie Halle 0; Dynamo Dresden 5, FC Hansa Rostock 0; Dynamo Berlin 0, Lokomotiv Leipzig 2; Karl-Marx-Stadt 0, Union Berlin 0; Rot-Weiss Erfurt 2, Wismut Aue 0; Stahl Brandenburg 1, Carl Zeiss Jena 0; Sachsenring Zwickau 3, Energie Cottbus 1. Leading standings: Dynamo Dresden 18; 2, Dynamo Berlin 12; 3, FC Hansa Rostock 12.

FRENCH: Bordeaux 1, Monaco 1; Saint Etienne 1, Sochaux 2; Nice 1, Nantes 0; Strasbourg 1, Lille 3; Metz Racing 1, Auxerre 2; Marseille 1, Toulon 0; Laval 1, Paris Saint-Germain 2; Lens 5, Caen 0; Metz 2, Cannes 1; Montpellier 1, Toulouse 0. Leading standings: 1, Paris Saint-Germain, 15, 37; 2, Auxerre, 18, 36; 3, Marseille, 18, 34.

GREEK: Larissa 1, Levadia 0, Kalamaria 1, PAOK Salonika 4; Aris Salonika 0, Heraklis 1; AEK Athens 2, Doxa 0; OFI Crete 1, Panionios 2; Ethnikos 1, Apollon 1; Diagoras 0, Volos 0; Panathinaikos 2, Olympiakos 1. Leading standings: 1, PAOK, 7, 10; 2, Larissa, 7, 10; 3, AEK Athens, 7, 9.

HUNGARIAN: MTK VM 2, Ujpesti Dozsa 1; Bekescsaba 3, Dunaujvaros 1; Pecsi MSC 1, Vac 1; Tatabanya 1, Veszprem 1; Raba Eto 5, Szolok 2; Honved 2, Haladas 0; Zalaegerszeg 2, Ferencvaros 4; Videoton 4, Vasas 0. Leading standings: 1, MTK VM, 13, 31; 2, Budapest Honved, 13, 27; 3, Ferencvaros, 13, 26.

ITALIAN: Ascoli 0, Pescara 1; Bologna 3, Juventus 4; Como 2, Lecce 1; Fiorentina 1, Udinese 1; Internazionale 1, Sampdoria 1; Napoli 1, Lazio 1; Roma 2, Pisa 1; Torino 2, Cesena 0; Verona 1, AC Milan 2. Leading standings: 1, Internazionale, 5, 9; 2, AC Milan, 5, 8; 3, Napoli, 5, 7.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Cork City 0, Shamrock Rovers 0; Athlone Town 1, Dundalk 2; Derry City 5, Cobh Ramblers 0; Limerick City 0, St Patrick's Athletic 0; Shelbourne 2, Galway United 1; Bohemians 3, Waterford 0. Leading standings: 1, Dundalk, 11, 18; 2, Derry City, 11, 17; St Patrick's Athletic, 11, 13.

PORTUGUESE: Penafiel 1, Feirense 0; Espinho 2, Boavista 2; Guimaraes 1, Sporting 0; Portimonense 0, Amadora 1; Viseu 0, Setubal 1; Maritimo 0, Nacional 0; Farense 0, Chaves 2; Belenenses 1, Braga 1; Beatrica 0, Belenenses 0; Porto 1, Leixoes 0. Leading standings: 1, Benfica, 12, 19; 2, Porto, 12, 18; 3, Sporting, 12, 17.

ROMANIAN: FC Inter Sibiu 1, SC Bacau 0; FC Arges Pitesti 1, Otelul Galati 1; Rapid Bucharest 1, FC Farul Constanta 2; Universitatea Cluj Napoca 2, FCM Brasov 0; FC Olt 4, Corvinul Hunedoara 2; Universitatea Craiova 2, ASA Tirgu Mures 0; Dynamo Bucharest 3, Flacara Moreni 1; Sportul Studentesc Bucharest 0, Steaua Bucharest 4; FC Bihor Oradea 2, Victoria Bucharest 1. Leading standings: Dynamo, 11, 22; 2, Steaua, 11, 22; 3, Victoria, 11, 17.

SPANISH: Espanõl 1, Oviedo 2; Elche 0, Malaga 2; Osasuna 2, Atletico de Madrid 0; Gijón 0, Sevilla 0; Real Sociedad 1, Athletic Bilbao 0; Betis 0, Logrones 0; Real Madrid 4, Celta 1; Valladolid 0, Barcelona 0, Zaragoza 2, Murcia 1; Valencia 1, Cadiz 2. Leading standings: 1, Real Madrid, 10, 17; 2, Barcelona, 10, 15; 3, Sevilla, 10, 12.

SWISS: Young Boys 2, St Gallen 0; Aarau 1, Grasshopper 2; Lugano 3, Lucerne 3; Sion 0, Bellenzona 2; Lausanne 1, Wettingen 2. Leading standings: 1, Lucerne, 18, 23; 2, Grasshopper, 18, 22; 3, Sion, 18, 22

TURKISH: Fenerbahce 2, Sakaryaspor 0; Sariyer 1, Besiktas 3; Rizespor 2, Ankaragucu 0; Altay 2, Trabzonspor 1; K Maraspor 1, Galatasaray 1; Samsunspor 3, Adamiryor 0, Konyaspor 2, Eskisehirspor 1; Bursaspor 1, Karsiyaka 1; Adanaspor 1, Malatyaspor 3. Leading standings: 1, Fenerbahce, 12, 27; 2, Besiktas, 10, 22; 3, Ankaragucu, 12, 22.

WEST GERMAN: St Pauli 0, Bayern Munich 0; Cologne 1, Hanover 0; Wolfsbol Mannheim 2, Stuttgart Kickers 2; VfB Stuttgart 4, Hamburg 2; Karlsruhe 4, Kaiserslautern 1; Eintracht Frankfurt 1, Bayer Leverkusen 1; Nuremberg 0, Werder Bremen 1; Bayer Uerdingen 0, Borussia Dortmund 0; Bochum 1, Borussia Mönchengladbach 2. Leading standings: 1, Bayern, 12, 18; 2, VfB Stuttgart, 12, 17; 3, Karlsruhe, 12, 16.

YUGOSLAV: Red Star 3, Dynamo 1; Rijeka 1, Partizan 1 (Partizan won 4-3 on penalties); Buducnost 1, Sloboda 2; Vardar 2, Osijek 0; Rad 2, Napredak 1, Zeleznicar 1, Hajduk 1 (Hajduk won 7-6 on penalties); Velez 1, Sarajevo 0; Spartak 0, Vojvodina 1; Radnicki 2, Celik 0. Leading standings: 1, Vojvodina, 12, 17; 2, Dynamo, 13, 15; 3, Hajduk, 13, 15.

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday November 12 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION

X Charlton v Everton
1 Coventry v Luton
X Derby v Manchester U
1 Liverpool v Millwall
1 Middlesbrough v QPR
2 Newcastle v Arsenal
1 Norwich v Sheffield W
X Southampton v A Villa
1 Tottenham v Wimbledon
X West Ham v Nottm F

SECOND DIVISION

1 Barnsley v Bradford
1 Blackburn v Brighton
2 Bournemth v C Palace
1 Chelsea v Sunderland
X Leeds v WBA
X Manchester C v Watford
1 Oxford v Birmingham
1 Portsmouth v Plymouth
1 Swindon v Ipswich
X Walsall v Leicester

Not on coupons: Shrewsbury v Oldham (Friday); Stoke v Hull (Sunday)

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Charlton, West Ham, Leeds, Manchester City, Walsall, Cardiff, Mansfield, Cambridge United, Crewe, Barking, Hearts, St Johnstone.

BEST DRAWS: Leeds, Walsall, Cambridge United, Crewe, Hearts.

AWAYS: Arsenal, Crystal Palace, Bristol City, Grimsby, Farnborough, Airdrie.

THIRD DIVISION

1 Blackpool v Aldershot
1 Bolton v Bury
1 Bristol R v Gillingham
X Cardiff v Northampton
1 Chester v Chesterfield
X Mansfield v Brentford
1 Notts Co v Southend
1 Port Vale v Swansea
1 Reading v Preston
1 Sheffield U v Fulham
2 Wigan v Bristol C
1 Wolves v Huddersfield

FOURTH DIVISION

X Camb U v Rotherham
1 Carlisle v Darlington
X Crewe v Tranmere
1 Doncaster v Peterboro
2 Hartlepool v Grimsby
1 Hereford v Halifax
1 Lincoln v Exeter
1 Rochdale v Wrexham
1 Scarboro v Burnley
1 Scunthorpe v Leyton O

Not on coupons: Colchester v Torquay (Friday); Stockport v York (Friday)

HOMES: Liverpool, Blackburn, Portsmouth, Blackpool, Bristol Rovers, Chester, Port Vale, Wolves, Carlisle, Doncaster, Leytonstone-Ilford, Wokingham.

FIXED ODDS: Home: Portsmouth, Blackpool, Bristol Rovers, Chester, Wolves. Aways: Arsenal, Bristol City, Grimsby. Draws: Cambridge United, Crewe, Hearts.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LGE PREMIER DIVISION

X Barking v St Albans
2 Croydon v Farnborough
1 L-Ilford v Hayes
1 Wokingham v L-Wingate

SCOTTISH PREMIER

1 Aberdeen v Dundee U
2 Celtic v Rangers
X Dundee v St Mirren
X Hearts v Hibernian
1 Motherwell v Hamilton

SCOTTISH FIRST

1 Clydebank v Clyde
1 Falkirk v Ayr
2 Kilmarnock v Airdrie
2 Partick v Forfar
2 Q of Sth v Dunfermline
2 Raith v Meadowbank
X St Johnstone v Morton

SCOTTISH SECOND

Not on coupons: Albion v East Fife; Brechin v Arbroath; Cowdenbeath v Alloa; Dumbarton v Stenhousemuir; Queen's Park v East Stirling; Stirling v Montrose; Stranraer v Berwick.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

HARROW: Charity marathon: 1, K Russell (Royston Runners), 2hr 28min 28sec; 2, A Higgs (Cheltenham Harriers), 2:29.57; 3, B Standon (Thames Valley Harriers), 2:30.47. Women: 1, J Causey (Barrow and Furness), 2:45.27 (course record). Half marathon: Men: 1, J Crisstow (Watford Harriers), 1hr 7min 54sec; 2, M Green (O Gaytonians), 1:8.24; 3, G Abney (Highgate Harriers), 1:9.08. Women: 1, D Heath (London Olympiads), 1:17.08.

DALIAN, South-east China: Marathon: 1, Wang Hanjie (China), 2hr 28min 10sec. Women: Xu Guijun (China), 3:04.04.

BADMINTON

CALGARY: Canadian Open championships: Men: Final: S Butler (GB) bt Sze Yu (Aus), 7-15, 15-10, 15-5. Women: Final: Li Dieru (China) bt Zheng Baojun (China), 11-5, 11-6.

IBF WORLD RANKINGS (Badish unless stated): Men: 1, I Gunawan (Indo), 1,465; 2, M Frost, 1,185; 3, J-P Nierhoff, 1,060; 4, L Pongoh (Indo), 893; 5, I Frederiksen, 790; 6, A Wirasata (Indo), 790; 7, P-E Hoyer-Larsen, 760; 8, E Kurniawan (Indo), 730; 9, N Yates (GB), 675; 10, Sze Yu (Aus), 625. Women: 1, Li Lingwei (China), 1,238; 2, Han Aiping (China), 1,180; 3, Young Suk Lee (S Korea), 875; 4, H Troke (GB), 850; 5, K Larsen, 815; 6, Gu Jiaming (China), 760; 7, C Magnusson (Swe), 680; 8, P Nedergaard, 650; 9, E Coene (Neth), 605; 10, F Smith (GB), 600.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Quadros: Crystal Palace 75 (Reshaw 23), Manchester Eagles 73 (Brown 18); Olympic City Giants 79 (Crosby 33, Brandon 17), Bracknell Tigers 83 (James 19, Roberts 19); Sunderland 99 (Vaughan 25, Nottage 17), Hemel/Watford Royals 101 (Duncan 30, John 21).

NATWEST TROPHY: MBM Livingston 115 (Fleming 25, Young 22), Oldham Celtics 104 (Lewis 31, Treweek 30); A and B Homes Solent 100 (Smith 27, Scott 22), Derby Rams 90 (Holmes 20, Findlay 20).

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men's division: Brixton 77, Birmingham 68; Oxford 95, Corby 90; Plymouth 95, Gateshead 117; Stockport 75, Brixton 104; Tower Hamlets 75, Worthing 112.

EASTERN CONFERENCE

East division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia 76ers	2	0	1.000	—
Boston Celtics	1	1	.500	1
New Jersey Nets	1	1	.500	1
Washington Bullets	0	1	.000	1½
New York Knicks	0	2	.000	2
Charlotte Hornets	0	2	.000	2
Central division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland Cavaliers	2	0	1.000	—
Detroit Pistons	2	0	1.000	—
Atlanta Hawks	2	0	1.000	—
Milwaukee Bucks	1	1	.500	1
Chicago Bulls	1	1	.500	1
Indiana Pacers	0	2	.000	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest division	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio Spurs	1	0	1.000	—
Denver Nuggets	1	1	.500	1/2
Dallas Mavericks	1	1	.500	1/2
Miami Heat	0	1	.000	1
Utah Jazz	0	1	.000	1
Houston Rockets	0	2	.000	1½
Pacific division	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland Blazers	2	0	1.000	—
Seattle SuperSonics	2	0	1.000	—
Golden S Warriors	1	0	1.000	1/2
Los Angeles Clippers	1	1	.500	1
Los Angeles Lakers	1	1	.500	1
Sacramento Kings	0	1	.000	1½
Phoenix Suns	0	2	.000	2

TABLE TENNIS

LEEDS BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Chan Construction (Birmingham) 0, Ashford (Middlesex) 8. First division north: City of Leeds 8, Boston Marconi Lincoln 0; Grove (Market Drayton) 4, MHS St Neots 4; Kettler Sport (Newcastle under Lyme) 5, Burnham AMC (Stoke) 3; West Warwickshire (Solihull) 4, Britannia Ipswich 4. First division south: C & L Rutslip 6, Dagenham FC 2; Horsham Dolphins 3, Team Ramlosa Essex 5; Rejects (London) 4, Doleg Carpets (Pontypool) 4; TSP Larkfield (Surrey) 4, Plymouth Bulldogs 4.

TENNIS

WORCESTER: New England tournament: Final: Navratilova bt Zvereva, 6-7, 6-4, 6-3. Doubles final: Navratilova and P Shriver (US) bt Sebatini and H Bukova (Cz), 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

STOCKHOLM: Open tournament: Doubles final: K Curren and J Grabb (US) bt P Annacone (US) and J Fitzgerald (Aus), 7-5, 6-4.

BULAWAYO: Zimbabwe satellite tournament: Final: C Bailey (GB) bt M Patchey (GB), 6-4, 6-7, 6-0.

COVENTRY: Remington family championship: Regional finals: Father and son: J and N Adams (Billericay) bt K and R Stephens (Upminster), 6-3, 6-1; D and M Tomlinson (Mill Hill) bt T and N Dyson (Harrow), 6-1, 6-3. Mother and daughter: A and C Percival (Loughton) bt J and K Ash (Brockbourne), 7-5, 6-2; L and N James (Penarth) bt A and K Maclean (Stroud), 7-0, 6-4.

VOLLEYBALL

OSAKA: Four-nations tournament: Soviet Union bt Japan, 8-15, 15-4, 15-11, 15-9; China bt Peru, 15-9, 15-7, 15-10.

GOLF

HILL SAMUEL SCHOOLS FOURSOMES: Preliminary round: Deen Close 2, RGS Worcester 1; Wellingborough 3, Kimbolton 0; Hampton 1, Haberdashers' Aske's 2; Mill Hill 0, Latymer Upper 3; St Angela's 3, Rossall 0; Cheltenham 18, Radley 4; Chichester 28, Embley Park 0; Dartford 12, St Olaves 4; Duke of York 10, Eltham 0; Eastbourne 6, Worth 28; Ellesmere 29, Birkenhead 14; Epsom 28, Reigate 0; Haileybury 9, Tonbridge 25; Hurstpierpoint 21, Caterham 18; King's, Canterbury 10, Southgate 3; King's, Macclesfield 20, Stockport 7; Kingswood 7, Monkton Combe 22; Latymer 21, Trinity, Croydon 12; Lord Wandsworth 14, Churchers 8; Lord Williams' 28, Desborough 6;

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Butcher fined by SFA over door kicking incident

By Roddy Forsyth

Terry Butcher, the Rangers captain, was fined £500 yesterday by the Scottish Football Association when he was found guilty of bringing the game into disrepute following an incident shortly after the end of the Aberdeen-Rangers premier division match at Pittodrie on October 8.

The defender, who is almost certain to be included this morning by the England manager Bobby Robson in his pool for the match with Saudi Arabia in Riyadh next week, spent an hour in front of the SFA disciplinary committee in Glasgow. After the hearing Butcher declined to speak to reporters and said only a terse "no comment".

An SFA spokesman added little detail of the proceedings but confirmed that Butcher had been reported to the committee after an incident in which the door of the referee's room at Pittodrie had been kicked and damaged.

During the preceding match, which Aberdeen won 2-1, Ian Durrant, the Rangers midfield player, was carried off with a serious injury to his cruciate ligaments when he was a victim of a tackle over the ball by Aberdeen's Neil Simpson. Durrant subsequently underwent two operations in hospital and will be out of football for at least a year.

Simpson was cautioned by the referee, Louis Thow, and the remainder of the match was played in an acrimonious atmosphere with the Rangers players and management clearly unhappy that Simpson had not been ordered off for his foul on Durrant.

As the teams and match officials left the field shortly after the final whistle Butcher became involved in a heated altercation with Thow at the end of which the referee's door, which had been kicked forcefully, was splintered and broken.

The affair was witnessed by several high-ranking Grampian police officers who were standing in the players' tunnel and Butcher was subsequently reported to the local Procurater Fiscal, the official responsible in Scottish law, for inaugurating prosecutions.

At that time Bobby Robson said publicly that he believed Butcher to be on the verge of ending his career in Scotland but, in the event, the Fiscal decided not to press charges against the player.

However the end of the legal authorities' interest in the matter cleared the way for the SFA to take its own action, the result of which was yesterday's hearing.

It was the second time in a year that Butcher had been cautioned by police after incidents at a football match.

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BUTCHER'S PAST MISDEMEANOURS

Nov 8, 1980: Butcher, playing for of Ipswich Town, is sent off at Southampton for a foul on Williams.

April 30, 1986: Ipswich, fighting relegation, lose 2-1 at West Ham to a disputed penalty four minutes from time. Butcher, the Ipswich captain, is booked for protesting and, as the teams leave the field, makes threatening gestures to the referee. Bobby Ferguson, the Ipswich manager, restrains Butcher, who later apologizes.

Oct 17, 1987: Butcher, playing for Rangers, is dismissed during the Glasgow derby with Celtic at Ibrox Park. He is sent off with team-mate Woods and McAvennie, of Celtic, after a clash which also involved Roberts, of Rangers. As a result, Butcher is fined £250 at Glasgow Sheriff Court for a breach of the peace.

Oct 8, 1988: Butcher kicks the referee's dressing room door after a match at Aberdeen. Rangers lost 2-1 but are incensed by Simpson's tackle on Durrant. The Rangers player is carried off, probably to miss the rest of the season.

Nov 7, 1988: Butcher is fined £500 by the Aberdeen Procurator Fiscal for his actions after the match at Aberdeen.

Thomas named in England squad

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Michael Thomas, voted player of the month in October and man of the televised match between Arsenal and Nottingham Forest on Sunday, may receive a higher individual honour next Wednesday. He will be included in the England squad today and could be invited to collect his first cap in Saudi Arabia.

Potentially the most prodigiously talented of Arsenal's collection of exciting youngsters, Thomas, aged 21, is so versatile that he could fill any of three vacancies. Of the side held by Sweden last month, England are certain to be without Butcher and Stevens and probably Webb as well.

Thomas has appeared as a central defender and as a right back for his club but he would step more naturally into the midfield position from which he led Arsenal to an ultimately convincing 4-1 victory at the weekend. Webb, recently Bryan Robson's most regular partner, missed the fixture through injury. He strained a hamstring a fortnight ago in the game against Liverpool, during which he scored his 99th League goal, and has yet to recover. "I'm very disappointed because it looks as though I'm out of the reckoning," Webb said yesterday. "It has been a frustrating time."

Since making his international debut in West Germany a year ago, Webb has established himself as the captain's most effective foil, sharing the central duties in nine of the last 13 games. One of his temporary deputies, Hoddle, is sadly no longer considered and the other, McMahon, is recuperating.

"I want to remain a part of it all," Webb added, "but I also know that I might have been left out anyway if Mr Robson wants to experiment." The England manager has no choice in any case but to try a new defensive formation since Stevens, Butcher and Woods, are all required by Rangers.

They may not be the only absentees. Bobby Robson, who watched Sweden win 2-1 in Albania on Saturday, must trust that his chosen men avoid injury on Saturday and are released by their clubs. For that he will be relying particularly heavily on George Graham, whose generosity will be put to the test. As well as Adams, Roecastle and Thomas, the Arsenal manager could also be without Marwood and Smith for four days.

Sponsors booming for football

By Louise Taylor

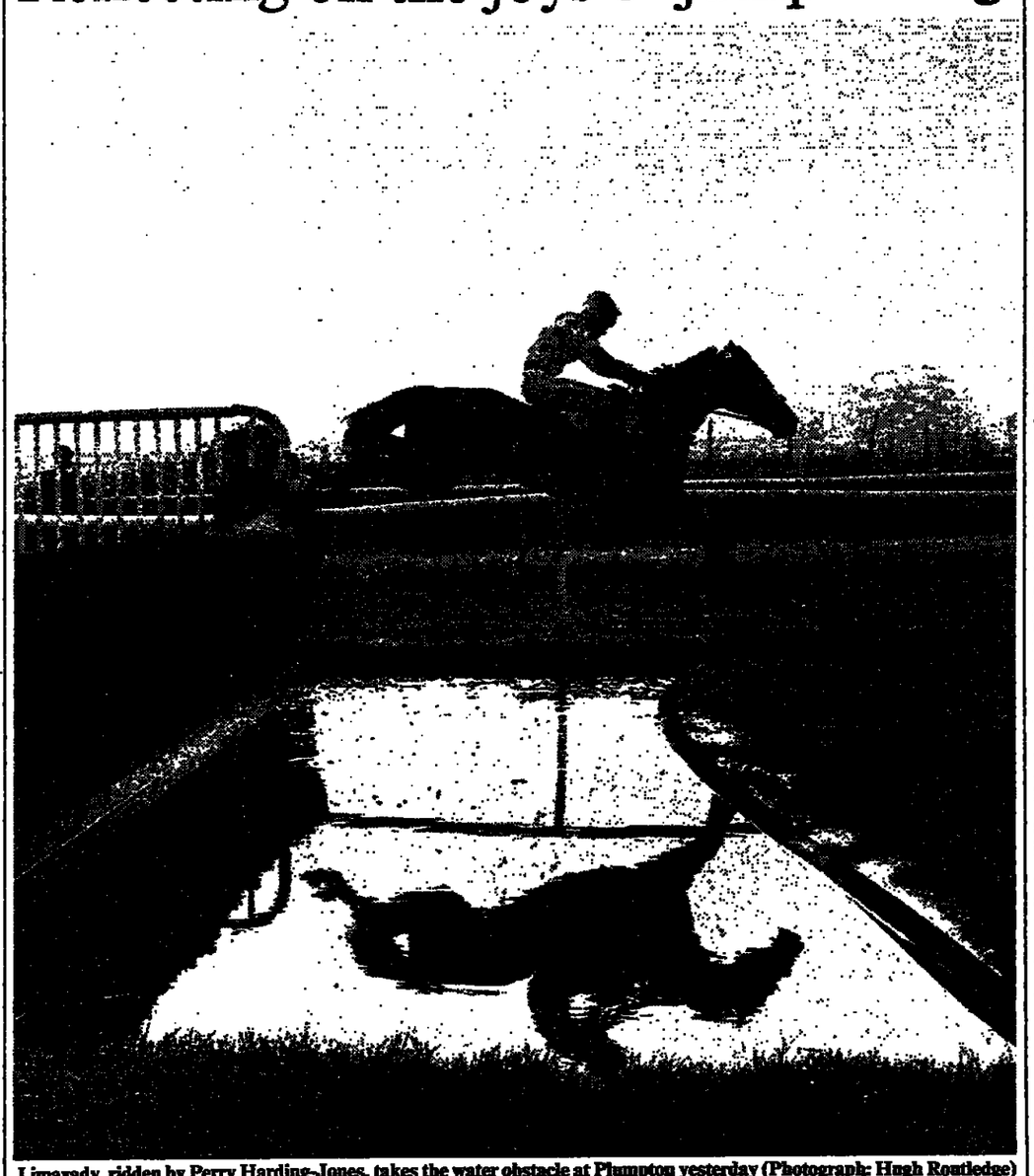
Club sponsorship this season is already 17 per cent higher than at the close of 1987-88, according to figures released by the Football League. The figure for 1988-89 is now £20 million, an increase approaching £3 million.

In comparison, 1987-88 drew £17.2 million — when £14.4 million was in individual club agreements and £2.8 million from central sponsorships. Trevor Phillips, commercial director of the League, expects revenue to rise to £21.5 million by May.

"Across the board, sponsorship is expanding but football is a particularly good medium," a League spokesman said. "It has a long season, a good target audience, shirt sponsors are guaranteed exposure and now has guaranteed television coverage for the next four years," he said.

Shirt advertising has proved a boom area — deals this season in the first division range from £1.5 million to £90,000 for a total of £12.8 million. The overall figure drops to £2.8 million for the second division, where a good arrangement is £40,000.

Reflecting on the joys of jump racing



Limavady, ridden by Perry Harding-Jones, takes the water obstacle at Plumpton yesterday (Photograph: Hugh Routledge)

Chaos as runners lose their way

Chaos reigned at Wolverhampton yesterday when nine of the 11 runners in the first race took the wrong course with a circuit to run.

After the race, the Castlecroft Selling Handicap Hurdle, punters besieged the weighing room, demanding that the race should be declared void.

The trouble happened on the bend in front of the stands, where a strip of rail separated the hurdles and chase courses.

Willie the Moon, a 66-1 outsider, was in front at the time with Brigadier Blake almost upsides him.

Keith Sims, on Willie the Moon, correctly kept to the right of the rail. Hallowed, at the rear of the field, was the only horse to follow him, the rest going to the left on to the chase course.

Confusion ensued as jockeys, realizing their mistake, turned their mounts to go back and take the correct course.

As a result, Willie The Moon and Hallowed poached a clear lead, the latter going on to win by 25 lengths.

It was a while before Trematon came home to claim third place, with five of those who had gone the wrong way being pulled up.

Trevor Wall (Trematon) and Jonathan Lower (Brigadier Blake) were each fined £100 for failing to acquaint themselves with the course layout.

Dolls would have prevented the confusion but John Ford, the clerk of the course, pointed out that they were dissuaded from placing too many of them on the course by the Jockeys' Association.

The map of the course in the weighing room clearly showed the right way and Robert Stronge, who partnered the winner, said: "I arrived late and did not have time to walk the course or study the plan, but it was very obvious to me in the race which way to go."

John Bryan, on the fourth horse home, Tyrian Princess, said: "We were all set to go the correct way but when we got to the start of the rail the gap through which we had to ride was so narrow it looked as though it was a dead end."

Lambourn trainer, Rod Simpson, said: "I feel the jockeys were partly to blame in that they should have familiarized themselves with the course, but it was a very narrow gap and I can understand why they went wrong.

"It's getting to be a farce. The standard of racecourses in this country is at an all-time low. This is 1988. We want racecourses with rails — not bollards, gates and dolls all over the place."

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Event winner had failed drugs check

By John Goodbody

In the first case of a positive drugs test in triathlon, one of the world's leading competitors, Scott Molina, was found to have anabolic steroids in his urine in a first analysis of his sample taken after the International Triathlon in Nice on September 24.

Molina, of the United States, who a month later was the winner of the Hawaii Ironman race, the event which brought the sport to public attention, is now expected to fly to France to be available when the second sample is examined. He denies having taken the drug.

If the second sample of his urine is also positive and Molina cannot offer any acceptable reason, he faces possible disqualification and a ban from competing in France for two years.

In Nice, Molina was second by 35 seconds to Rob Barel, of Holland, in an event, which together with the "Ironman" is the most prestigious in the sport. Triathlon consists of a 2½-mile swim, a 110-mile bicycle ride and a marathon run.

The first three men and women, plus some competitors at random, were tested at Nice but no other adverse findings were recorded.

Although the United States Triathlon Federation was informed of the positive test, Molina was understood to have been allowed to compete in Hawaii because the Federation does not have an anti-drugs policy.

Anabolic steroids, which help in the retention of nitrogen and the utilization of protein, could help a triathlete to recover more quickly from the intensive training most of them undergo.

The incident occurs at a particularly embarrassing time for triathlon because the UIMPB, the world governing body for modern pentathlon and biathlon, is to consider on November 18 whether the sport should be brought under the control of the organization responsible for multi-discipline sports. This would give it a much better chance of being included in the Olympic Games.

Carling out for 21 days after knocks

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Will Carling, who suffered mild concussion while leading England to victory over the Australian rugby union touring team on Saturday at Twickenham, is to accept the 21-day rest period laid down by the International Rugby Football Board.

He will miss, therefore, the three Courage Clubs Championship matches which his club, Harlequins, play this month, against Bristol (away) on Saturday, Waterloo (home) and Leicester (away). He will also be unavailable for selection by the Barbarians against the Australians in the final match of the British section of their tour, in Cardiff on November 26.

Carling, aged 22, was not unconscious at any stage during Saturday's game but he suffered two bangs to the head in a brief space of time which was enough to cause Ben Gilfeather, the Rugby Football Union doctor, to advise the referee to tell Carling to leave the field with only a few minutes left to play.

"I'm still feeling a bit groggy and I'm going to take the 21 days," Carling said yesterday. "There's no point making a fuss. I've had concussion before and although its not a bad one, I won't take any chances. I'm desperate to help Harlequins climb the league table and it might not go down well with them but it can't be helped."

Harlequins, the knockout cup holders, have won only one of their four league games this season but are sure to be understanding where their young centre is concerned — even though on November 19 their midfield will also be without Richard Cramb, who will be playing stand-off half for Scotland against Australia.

● NANTES: The French Federation has announced the official programme for internationals until the 1991 World Cup (Chris Thau writes). Next year France go to New Zealand and will be visited by Australia and Fiji. In 1990 France are scheduled to tour Australia and receive the All Blacks in France.

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French club is eager to sign Olsen

Jesper Olsen and Norman Whiteside could be poised to abandon the stuttering championship challenge of Manchester United in favour of a move to the French first division (Louise Taylor writes).

Officials of Bordeaux were present at Old Trafford for United's 1-1 draw against Aston Villa on Saturday.

However, their arrival would almost certainly bring Clive Allen's stay with the club to an end. The former Tottenham forward has struggled to justify his £1 million valuation since his arrival.

French clubs are allowed to field two overseas players and Bordeaux have three.

Schools ignore offer of free cricket coaching

By Alan Lee, Cricket Correspondent

The problems facing English cricket in its efforts to strengthen the game's grassroots are illustrated by the apathy within one county.

Jonathan Agnew, the England fast bowler and Leicestershire's cricket development officer, said last night that he has received a pitiful 4 per cent response to an offer of free, expert coaching made to all schools in the county.

Agnew wrote 500 letters to schools and up to yesterday only 20 had taken up his proposal to instruct schoolboys using Leicestershire's facilities.

Agnew, in London for the launch of his book, *Eight Days a Week*, is understandably shocked by the lack of interest.

He said: "I thought we would do far better than this. When you realise that only 25 per cent of boys now have the opportunity to play supervised cricket at their own school we are really offering them a lifeline to stay involved. It is pathetic that more schools have not taken us up."

Leicestershire are one of several counties to have initiated coaching schemes, with varying degrees of success. This example, however, is startling. If schools are not able or willing to see the merit in Agnew's free coaching then one despairs for the future of the game at that level.

Grassroots cricket is one subject sure to be aired at next month's meeting of the Test and County Cricket Board, and Leicestershire's experience should only add urgency to the discussion.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Chile ban lifted

Zurich (Reuter) — Chile's ban from international matches was lifted by the International Football Federation (FIFA) yesterday. FIFA imposed the suspension last Thursday because Chile's Football Association had disregarded instructions over a compensation payment to Atlas de Guadalajara of Mexico.

Ivo Bassay, of the Chilean side Everton, was transferred to Atlas and later released by the Chilean authorities to play for French second division club Reims. Chile ignored the demand for compensation until yesterday.

Sunny days

Sun Life Assurance are to sponsor the European Swimming Cup at the Royal Commonwealth Pool in Edinburgh from December 9 to 10.

Parker: accepts

Parker leads

Paul Parker has accepted the captaincy of Sussex again for next season. Parker became Sussex's fifteenth post-war captain when he replaced Ian Gould after the county finished bottom of the championship in 1987. Last season they finished sixteenth.

RAC Rally

Seven present or former world champions will take part in this year's Lombard RAC Rally, which starts and ends in Harrogate later this month. First away on November 20 will be the world rally champion, Juha Kankkunen, of Finland.

Senna races

Ayrton Senna, of Brazil, the new world motor racing champion, will drive in the Australian Grand Prix on Sunday despite injuring a wrist playing beach football.

Record run

The Londoner, Hilary Walker, broke the women's world record in a 48-hour international track race at Blackpool yesterday. She completed 230 miles to beat the previous best by 15 miles.

END COLUMN

Britain ready to serve in quarrel

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

A two-man delegation from the Wimbledon management committee will probably travel to Florida next week to meet Hamilton Jordan, the chief executive of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP), which is intent on controlling its own destiny.

"Buzzer" Hadingham, the Wimbledon chairman, said yesterday that the trip depended on whether or not there was "a chance to bring them back into the fold". Ron Presley, the Lawn Tennis Association president, said Britain had suggestions "for resolving the situation within the existing framework".

The talks would concern the ATP threat (one suspects it is already a decision) to withdraw from the grand prix and run a separate ATP tour in 1990 — unless the ATP is granted control of the Men's Tennis Council, on which representatives of tournaments and the International Tennis Federation (the collective voice of national associations) are also represented.

ATP wants to stop ITF's voting rights

The ATP wants to strip the ITF of voting rights, but this hardly matters because representatives of ITF tournaments would retain votes.

Equally, the ITF has no present justification for worrying about its shop-window events. The ATP plans to organize its tour around the four grand slam tournaments and the Davis Cup, which means that ATP members would support ITF events for 12 weeks of the year.

The great tournaments look safe — pending the further disputes that will rumble down the years. Every generation of tennis politicians seems half-blind to the mistakes made and opportunities missed by earlier generations.

For 20 years and more, the dramas have unfolded like episodes in a soap opera. We are simply dealing with impassioned family quarrels in which some relatives change sides by moving from one tennis faction to another.

I will not bore you by listing all the examples from shelves in the memory. But late in 1973, two ATP spokesmen, Jack Kramer and Donald Dell, were confronted by derisive questioning when the ATP announced it intended to form a joint council with the ITF.

Such a marriage was doomed to failure and (not for the first time) the ATP and ITF are now heading for divorce. The *decree nisi* will probably be a decree absolute by the end of the year, though the divorcees must continue to live together.

Another topical memory concerns January 1974, when the ATP and tournament directors were organizing their own circuit: 20 events in the United States and 25 in Europe and Asia. Yes, we have been here before . . .

In every quarrel some group (players, tournament directors, the World Championship Tennis circuit, or the American inter-city team league) has been pig-in-the-middle. The common factor has been the ITF, which must cherish its most prestigious, fund-raising professional events but should otherwise concentrate on the rules of tennis and the development of the game worldwide.

Success needed in grand slam events

What matters to the public and the great events is that the success of major tournaments — including Wimbledon — depends on the participation of the kind of players who sell tickets, attract publicity and sponsors, and produce first-class tennis.

In short, the tournaments and the ATP need each other but the ITF, instead of seeking control over the entire professional game, should tackle its real job. The ATP and tournament directors and entrepreneurs should be left to organize what is left of the professional year after the ATP has honoured its duties to the major ITF events.

There will be problems, among them a mutually acceptable system of graduation to the ATP tour from the more modest tournaments supported by national associations. Many conflicts of interest will remain. But nothing should be beyond the wit of an annual dinner incorporating all interested parties and a few bottles of claret. A table for six should suffice. They could go Dutch. It's all in the family.

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